

Strength in community



City of Boulder Chief of Police Greg Testa reads to a group of children at the Meadows Branch Library. Along with emergency response efforts, both the Police and Fire departments have made building relationships with the Boulder community a top priority.

The long-standing mission of the Boulder Police Department is to work with the community to provide safety and service. This year has provided the opportunity to expand on that message and to connect and engage on a more personal level.

As tensions between law enforcement and communities around the nation flared during the summer, members

of Boulder's Police and Fire departments and city residents came together in a variety of fun, informal settings to get to know one another better and to better understand the challenges and opportunities we all face.

Turn to pages 10 and 11 to explore how the city and its safety officials are engaging with all residents to make Boulder a great place to live and work.

Building stronger relationships

Registration open for Neighborhood Summit

The City of Boulder will host a daylong Neighborhood Summit that will bring together community representatives from throughout the city to talk about concepts of neighboring and to identify ways to encourage residents within individual neighborhoods to build relationships that will lead to better connections among themselves and with local government.

Those interested in attending still have time to register. But time is running short, as registration closes Oct. 10. The summit will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Oct. 29, at the University of Colorado Boulder's Touchdown Club.

The event will feature skill-building for deliberation, dialogue and collective problem-solving. Attendees will be asked to identify next steps for the development of neighborhood services and to make recommendations for how to



strengthen community/civic dialogue and partnerships.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for neighborhood residents to meet, share concepts and ideas around neighboring and what it might mean to be a city of good neighbors while simultaneously learning from each other,” said Amanda Nagl, the city’s neighborhood liaison.

For more information, including the registration process, visit bouldercolorado.gov/neighborhood-services/neighborhood-summit.

GET OUTSIDE

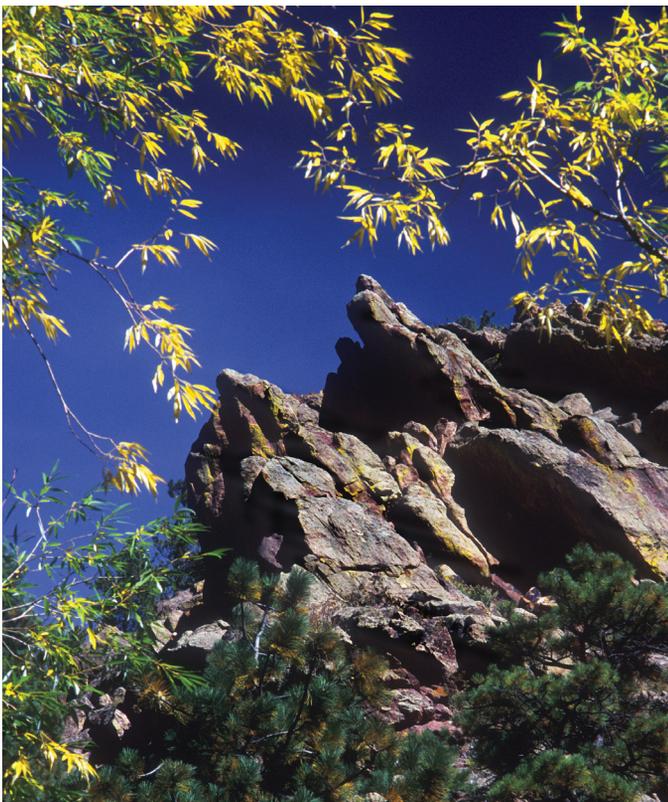


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Explore Gregory Canyon

Home to many deciduous trees and shrubs, Gregory Canyon puts on a spectacular autumn show. Cottonwoods and willows that dot this foothills landscape turn a brilliant yellow.

Other yellowing plants include tangles of wild grape – look for large, flat pointed leaves and clusters of tiny dark purple fruits. Also be on the lookout for beaked hazelnut bushes and numerous apple trees planted early in the last century.

Among all the yellows, golds, reds and oranges, the green pines and firs on City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks land add a lovely contrast. If you hike in the Gregory Canyon area at this time, watch for black bears and other wildlife who often feed and seek shelter in this important wildlife corridor.

Learn more about exploring the Gregory Canyon area, which is west of Chautauqua Park, at bouldercolorado.gov/osmp/gregory-canyon-trailhead.

A community is best defined by its people. From volunteers 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:

Debora Martin

Teacher, Naturalist



Debora Martin understands more than most that standing silent is one of the best ways to experience nature. That could make her volunteer work leading hikes for dozens of youngsters and their parents a bit of a challenge. But instead of just sushing her audience, she encourages them to use their other senses.

“When we are out on the hikes, it’s really about them using their senses – you can hear the birds, hear the water flowing,” Martin said. “Believe it or not it’s easier quieting down the kids than it is the parents.”

Martin is a volunteer naturalist for the City of Boulder’s Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) and leads groups big and small on educational hikes in and around the city. The longtime Boulder resident is in her 22nd year as a teacher in Boulder Valley School District’s Kindergarten Enrichment program and also has spent the past several summers working with Wild Bear Mountain Ecology, a nature-oriented camp.

“Debora has been an inspiration for so many families and OSMP naturalists,” said Juanita Echeverri, education and outreach coordinator for OSMP. “Her dedication to share what she knows and appreciates about the natural world shows the generosity of her heart and her commitment to help raise kids who will be the future stewards of this earth.”

If nature is Martin’s first love, enriching the lives of Boulder’s children is a close second.

“I just say that this is my soul work. I truly love the natural world and that’s always been my focus,” she said. “And the best part of the experience is watching the kids see something they’ve never seen before; they way they just light up. I still remember the first time I saw a praying mantis and that day has stuck in my mind ever since. I can see those moments happening for these kids.”

Martin ventured into volunteering by working with Colorado Parks and Wildlife’s Bear Aware Program before connecting with OSMP in a similar position. As a naturalist and natural educator, it wasn’t long before she was writing up her own programs and leading groups sometimes as large as 60 on tours of Boulder’s beautiful hiking trails.

“We are grateful for Debora’s passion as a volunteer naturalist to connect families to nature for over a decade,” said Jennelle Freeston, volunteer services supervisor for OSMP. “Her monthly hikes are popular because they teach outdoor skills and encourage parents and kids to explore plants, animals, insects, rocks and other mysteries on OSMP lands and their own backyard.”

And Martin has seen most everything there is to offer, having explored all of Boulder’s trails multiple times. “As much as I’m out there you see so much, bears and mountain lions and all of that. I could hike these trails blindfolded,” she said.

Her keen eye has not gone unnoticed.

After reading the poem “Small Wonders” by Alma Winters, which includes the lines: “Though I am small and near the ground, I see wonders all around. . . . Being tall is nice, but this is magic that the grown-ups miss,” one young boy looked up at her and said, “Well, Ms. Martin, you can see everything too.”

It is Martin’s goal through her programs that all kids get the chance to develop an appreciation for nature through their senses.

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.

Improving Civic Area park

What you need to know about construction plans

After years of planning and public input, Phase One park construction will soon begin in Boulder's Civic Area, representing an exciting and significant step toward transforming this important public gathering space.

PCL Construction Services, Inc. was selected as the general contractor for this phase of construction, which was funded through the Community, Culture and Safety tax approved by voters in November 2014.

The Civic Area Project team has worked extensively with PCL to develop a work sequencing schedule that will ensure the public's continued use of the Civic Area.

Visitors should expect some temporary inconveniences; however, many areas in the park will remain open for recreation and enjoyment. Pedestrian and bike paths will be temporarily rerouted around construction zones. Please adhere to detours, which will be well-marked during applicable phases of construction.

The city has put together a series of maps with approximate time schedules to help visitors know what to expect and safely navigate the construction area. Please see the maps online for more information.

The design and work being done is consistent with the Civic Area Master Plan, which was approved by City Council in the summer of 2015. This plan was enhanced and informed by thousands of comments and other forms of feedback provided by members of the community since discussion first began in 2013. The long-term vision is to transform the Civic Area into an even more unique place that reflects the community's shared values and its diversity, providing space and programs for people to gather, recreate, eat, learn, deliberate and innovate.

In order to accommodate some of these varied uses and points of entry, the design plan gave city staff flexibility to remove up to 45 parking spaces, if needed. While the construction will result in the loss of some parking spaces, the city has been able to limit the permanent removal to only 20 spaces (plus one accessible parking spot, which will be relocated to the library lot).



Wondering what it will look and feel like? Take a virtual tour of the new Civic Area from ground level. The new video debuted to City Council and the public on Aug. 16 and has already received hundreds of web hits.

"Working with our contractor, Tom Leader Studio, we were able to generate this dynamic video," said Jeff Haley, a Civic Area project manager. "The video is essentially a tour through the future Civic Area park and includes the latest pictures of all of the major designs and amenities."

Check out the new alignment of the bike and pedestrian pathway, the 11th Street Spine Bridge, riparian areas along Boulder Creek and the open Green Valley that will serve as a gathering and event space.

Short-term construction needs call for some additional, temporary parking reductions. During the earliest part of construction, 39 spaces will be blocked off in the eastern portion of the Canyon/North Library/Municipal lot. Again, only 21 of these spaces will be permanently removed.

In the long-term, the Civic Master Plan calls for enhanced access to the park with new parking opportunities along the east-west "bookends" of the park. This will allow for valuable park-at-the-core land to be repurposed and maximized, while recognizing the value of convenient and flood-sensitive parking solutions.

For the most up-to-date information, please continue to go to the Civic Area Project homepage at bouldercolorado.gov/civic-area.

We want to hear from you

Take a moment and complete the Community, Customer Experience surveys

What do you think about Boulder as a place to live, work or raise your children? How about the ease of getting around town? What are your thoughts about the ability to start or grow a business?

The City of Boulder wants to hear your answers to these and many other questions. This fall, Boulder will conduct a Community Survey that is designed to evaluate what community members think is working or not working with local government services.

The city has conducted a community survey about every two years from 1987 to 2001 and then again in 2007, 2011 and 2014. All community-wide surveys conducted since 1987 were mail surveys sent randomly to households in late spring or early fall. This year's statistically valid survey will be conducted the same way.

An open online survey is also offered so that any Boulder community member not selected in the random sample can provide feedback. These results will be separate from the statistically valid random sample. The open survey will be available online starting Oct. 11: bouldercolorado.gov/city-manager/2011-community-survey-results.

CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE SURVEY

While the Community Survey explores your thoughts about living on Boulder, the city also is interested to know how you feel about the customer support the city provides to residents and businesses with its many services. What's good? What could be better?

Please take a few minutes to tell us about your experiences and what is important to you by filling out the Customer Service Survey: sgiz.mobi/s3/BoulderServes.

Results will be shared with the community and City Council in early December and help shape priorities in the upcoming years.

Results from the 2014 survey are available on the city's website: bit.ly/2ckguCi

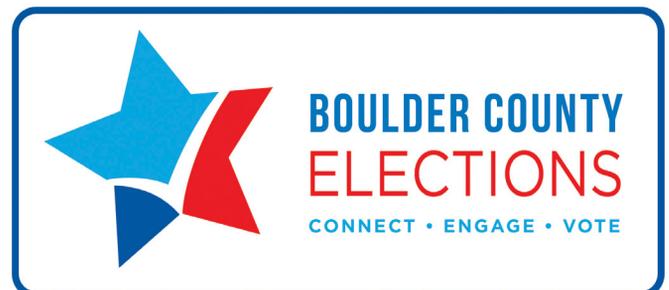
Elections 2016: What you need to know

A lot has changed in Colorado since the last presidential election. Here's what you need to know to be ready for Nov. 8.

★ Check your voter registration! All active voters will receive a ballot in the mail, so it is important that you make sure your registration status and address are current. This is especially important if you have moved in the last year or if you haven't voted for a few years. Check online at www.BoulderCountyVotes.org.

★ In-person voting will be available but on a more limited basis. There are no more "traditional" polling locations, but if you prefer or want to vote in person, a list of Voter Service Centers will be included in your mail ballot packet.

★ Vote early! Once you decide how to vote, return your mail ballot. Voting early can cut down on those pesky cam-



paign phone calls. It also helps the county by letting staff process ballots throughout the election period, not just on one night (no votes are tabulated before election night though). Returning your ballot early has never been easier since there are now FIVE mail ballot drop boxes in the city of Boulder alone!

For more voter and election information, visit www.BoulderCountyVotes.org or call 303-413-7740.

The City of Boulder begins preparing for snow and ice removal operations well before winter arrives. Each year, snow removal crews are trained, educated and recertified, and equipment is inspected and calibrated. Combine that with diligence by the city's residents, and Boulder is well-equipped to deal with whatever winter has to offer.

Make it
Clear
within **24**
hours
after snow stops
falling

Sidewalk Snow and Ice Removal

Boulder property owners, landlords and tenants are required to remove snow and ice from their sidewalks.

Seniors and physically disabled persons who are unable to clear ice and snow from their sidewalks may receive assistance through Boulder County CareConnect IceBusters program.

For more information or to volunteer, visit careconnectbc.org or call **303-443-1933, ext. 414**

Important Contacts

To make a snow plow request:
303-413-7109 or InquireBoulder.com

To report a sidewalk snow/ice violation in Boulder:
303-441-3333 or InquireBoulder.com

For road conditions within Boulder County, including US 36 and other state highways, contact Colorado Department of Transportation:
303-442-4382 or COtrip.org

Streets, Bike Lanes and Paths

City of Boulder snow crews plow primary and secondary streets, on-street bike lanes, and multi-use paths.

When 8 or more inches of snow accumulates and temperatures remain below freezing for 72 consecutive hours, two trucks will plow residential streets with steep slopes.

A map of primary and secondary routes is available at bouldercolorado.gov/publicworks/snow

Winter Travel Safety Tips

- Give snow plows plenty of room to operate.
- Allow for more stopping distance on icy or snowy roads.



- For more winter-related information, visit: bouldercolorado.gov/publicworks/snow
- Learn how to prevent and thaw frozen water pipes and get answers to your questions about snow removal by visiting InquireBoulder.com or downloading the [Inquire Boulder Mobile app](#)

17 plow trucks operate on Boulder streets during snowstorms.



What's on the Road?

Depending on weather conditions, the city may also apply a granular and/or liquid de-ice (instead of rock salt) to reduce the buildup of snow and ice.

Ice-Slicer is a granular de-icer made up of complex chlorides that dissolve over time.

Meltdown Apex is a magnesium chloride solution, a plant nutrient and soil stabilizer, that's less corrosive than other products.

Preserving our agriculture

It's a little known fact that the City of Boulder has – for more than four decades – worked to preserve local agriculture through the conservation of farm and ranch lands. These efforts have supported the livelihoods of generations of farmers and ranchers, while also creating beautiful scenic areas where visitors can enjoy sweeping vistas and plants and wildlife can thrive.

Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Department is in the process of creating a long-term plan to ensure sustainable and thriving agricultural operations on city open space. We spent some time with Lauren Kolb, OSMP's agricultural specialist, to talk about how the city currently manages its agricultural lands.



How much land is leased to farmers and ranchers?

OSMP leases over 15,000 acres of open space to 26 farmers and ranchers – and one beekeeper. This helps us fulfill one of our charter responsibilities, which requires OSMP to preserve the area's "agricultural uses and land suitable for agricultural production." We want to make sure that we have economically, environmentally and socially sustainable agricultural operations that are compatible with excellent visitor experiences and preservation of natural habitats.

How else does OSMP help local farmers and ranchers?

One of the biggest benefits for the farmers and ranchers we work with is that they do not have to worry about their leased land being sold for development. OSMP has preserved it in perpetuity. Other agricultural land in Boulder County is being sold and used for other purposes, so farmers and ranchers are trying to make a living off of less land. With high land, labor and capital equipment costs, it can be tough for a farmer or rancher to get started or expand operations. OSMP's two-year, renewable leases offer a stable foundation. Our agricultural team – which has three members – provides technical expertise and helps to improve irrigation and fencing infrastructure to make these operations more efficient.

What is the connection with the local food movement?

In 2011, the department leased its first parcel for diversified organic vegetable production. Since then, we've added three additional parcels for a total of 74 acres of diversified vegetable production. All of the produce from these farms is marketed in the greater Boulder area. As part of the Ag-

Agricultural Resources Management Plan

The OSMP Department is developing an Agricultural Resources Management Plan, which seeks to ensure sustainable and thriving agricultural operations on city open space. This effort aims to help farmers and ranchers prosper with the support of our community and to protect the ecological health of agricultural land. Learn more about the plan and how you can offer feedback at OSMPAgPlan.org.

ricultural Resources Management Plan, we will be working to identify additional opportunities to increase local food production. More information about the City of Boulder's local food efforts is available at: bouldercolorado.gov/policy-advisor/local-foods.

What does OSMP do to help ensure that city agricultural land isn't over-farmed and remains sustainable?

Our lessees are long-term stewards of the land and many of them can trace their lineage back to the founding farmers of Boulder. They are our partners in sustainability. Together, we calculate appropriate livestock stocking rates and employ rotational grazing to ensure good forage growth and wildlife habitat. We also use cattle grazing strategically to manage noxious weeds without herbicides. Open space leases also prohibit the cultivation of genetically modified crops and limit pesticide usage. All these efforts help to conserve wildlife and plant habitats, improve soil and water quality, and keep our agricultural lands working and functional for the next generation of farmers and ranchers.

Double-check your safety list



MICHAEL CALDERAZZO
BOULDER FIRE CHIEF

During the second week of October, Boulder Fire-Rescue will teach more than 200 fire prevention classes to children in preschool through third grade in area public and private schools. The outreach coincides with Fire Prevention Week, which runs from Oct. 9

through Oct. 15.

Children will learn about family escape plans, which include knowing two ways out of their home so if there is ever a fire they can get out safely. A home safety survey will be placed in each child's homework, and the classroom with the highest percentage of participation in the survey will receive a pizza party with Sparky the Fire Dog!

The home safety checklist was specifically designed to help residents walk through their home, locate safety-related issues and take corrective action, if necessary. The walk-through and checklist should take less than an hour and is time well spent in home accident prevention. We are available if you would like our help with the survey or want to schedule an assisted walkthrough at your home. Please call 303-441-4179. The home safety survey is available at bouldercolorado.gov/fire-rescue. The fire department will mail a free water bottle to all residents who take the time to complete the survey.

Fire Prevention Week is a great time to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Both alarms are easy to maintain and replace. Many people are surprised to learn that smoke alarms more than 10 years old should be replaced entirely. To receive the maximum amount of protection, smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside separate sleeping areas and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.



Carbon monoxide alarms are equally important, especially in the fall and winter, when outside air is less likely to be circulating into a home. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that is known as a silent killer. The gas is created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil and methane) burn incompletely.

In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burns fuel is a potential source of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

Carbon monoxide enters the body through breathing. Carbon monoxide poisoning can be confused with flu symptoms, food poisoning and other illnesses. Some symptoms include shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, light headedness or headaches. High levels of carbon monoxide can cause death within minutes.

The dangers of carbon monoxide exposure depend on a number of variables, including the victim's health and activity level. Infants, pregnant women and people with physical conditions that limit their body's ability to use oxygen (e.g., emphysema, asthma, heart disease) can be more severely affected by lower concentrations of carbon monoxide than healthy adults would be.

Boulder Fire-Rescue will install free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to residents in need. This service is available by calling 303-441-4179.



Junior Delgado, 11, at left, and Raul Portillo, 12, above, had the opportunity to participate in a weeklong fly fishing camp thanks to sponsorship by the Boulder Police Department. The boys learned the basics in the classroom and then took those lessons to multiple rivers, where they landed a couple catches.

At right, Boulder Cmdr. Ron Gosage "cuffs" 9-year-old Aislinn Morris during August's National Night Out event.

Night out brings out best

Little Alden McQueen looked fairly impressed as Boulder Police Officer David Kaufman showed off all the items on his duty belt. There were handcuffs, radio, a flashlight, pepper spray and much more.

But Alden, 6 years old and curious as anyone, only had one question for Kaufman. "Can I have your gun?" he asked. There were a few chuckles from the crowd during the National Night Out event in the Mapleton neighborhood, but Kaufman was quick to make it a teaching moment.

"No, you can't have it. But let me ask you an important question," said Kaufman, a community services officer for the city. "What do you do if you see a gun?"

Alden shrugged his shoulders before the officer told him to never touch it, leave the firearm where he found it and immediately tell an adult. "Or call us and we will come take care of it."

Alden nodded his head that he understood, Kaufman offered a few more words of advice and then people continued chatting with neighbors and members of Boulder's

STAY CONNECTED, STAY SAFE

Sign-up at www.boco911alert.com to receive messages about imminent threats and hazards by text message, email, and/or on your cell, home or work phone.

police and fire departments. Neighborhood kids crawled in and out of police cruisers with lights flashing while the adults snapped pictures and made jokes about this being the first and last time they wanted to see their children inside a police car.

During a summer filled with tension related to police and community relations across the country, it was a time for positive connections, a chance to have a little fun and get to know each other better.

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Boulder Chief of Police

NUMBERS YOU MAY NEED

- Emergencies: 911
- Non-emergency dispatch: 303-441-3333
- Graffiti: 303-413-7121
- Crimestoppers: 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

the work we do,” said Boulder Police Chief Greg Testa.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, better places to live. It was just one night, but it was also just one way that Boulder’s Police Department is working to build relationships and connect on a more personal level.

Whether it’s sponsoring a couple of youngsters so that they could take part in a fly fishing camp or teaming with the University of Colorado Boulder for the annual RA Acad-

emy to provide safety tips and best practices for resident advisors, the city’s police and fire departments are working to make Boulder a safe and fun place for everyone.

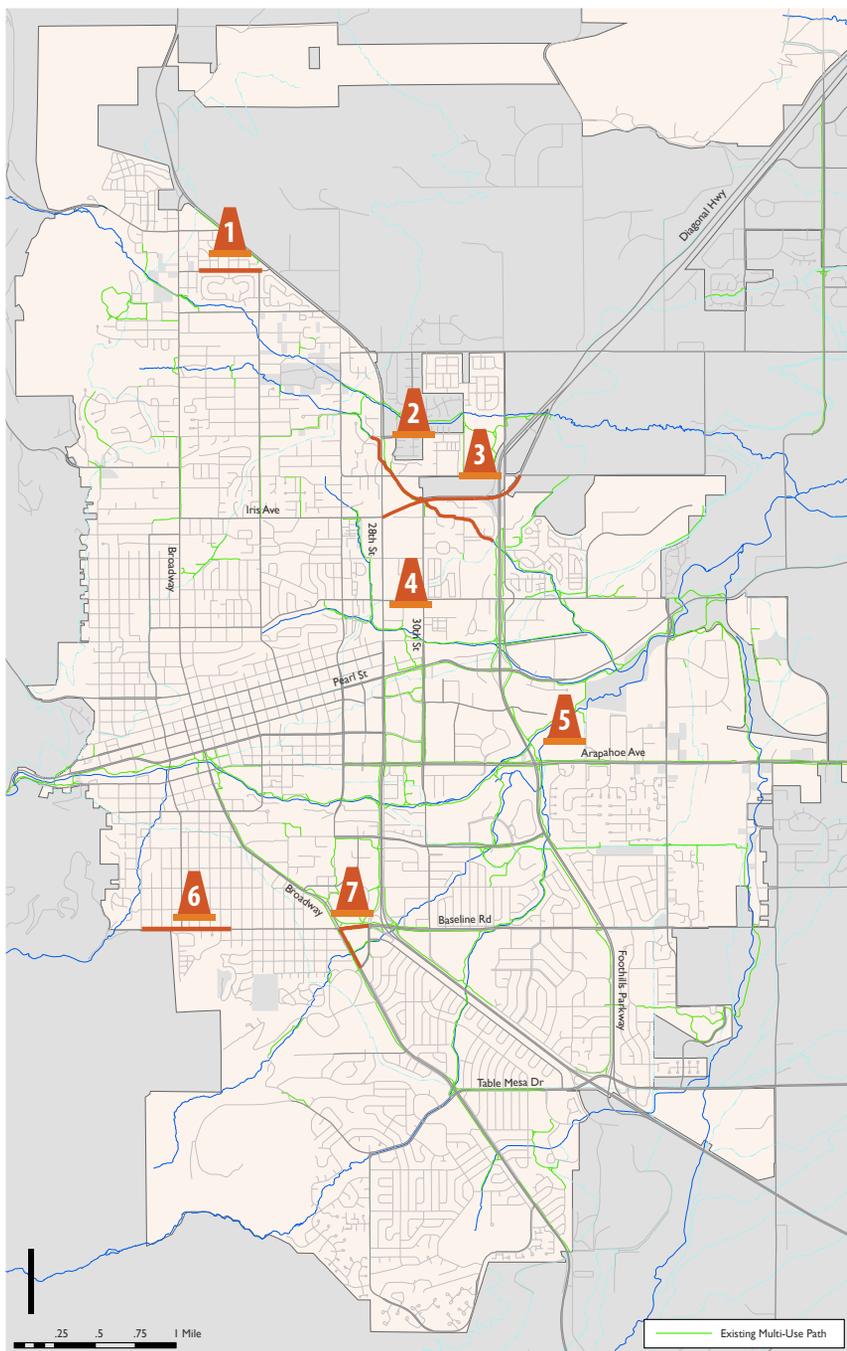
This year’s National Night Out event, amid the backdrop of the Black Lives Matter and Blue Lives Matter movements, seemed to have a significant impact on all involved.

“We are all humans,” said Susan Menge, as she sat with neighbors and police officers. “A police officer has an important role, but the more we cross each other’s path and start to learn from each other, the better it is for all of us.”

Residents weren’t the only ones who appreciated the opportunity to connect.

“There is a lot of support for law enforcement in Boulder,” said Deputy Chief Curtis Johnson. “I heard things like, ‘I love seeing your officers driving through the neighborhood’ and ‘we appreciate all of the work your officers do.’ These are people with jobs and families who live in Boulder and appreciate the work (police) do every day.”

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.



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

- **Duration:** Fall
- **Description:** Constructs a new sidewalk on the south side of Yarmouth Avenue from 16th to 19th streets.
- **Impact:** Possible temporary lane narrowing and 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 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:** Late 2016 through early 2017
- **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.

Do you love your library?

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The Boulder Library Foundation recently launched an exciting new membership program called the Library League of Boulder. This program offers members the opportunity to support the Boulder Library Foundation, while also enjoying exclusive, behind-the-scenes benefits to experience the library in brand-new ways.

The Library League of Boulder

The Boulder Library Foundation, founded more than 40 years ago, is a nonprofit organization that enriches Boulder Public Library and the wider community, providing funding for literacy, cultural and creative programs.

Library League membership dollars go to the Boulder Library Foundation. For the past 40 years, the foundation has been granting money to Boulder Public Library to support programming in three main areas: cultural, creativity and literacy. Since 2002, the Boulder Library Foundation has granted nearly \$2 million to the library to support foundational programs, such as the Summer Reading Program, BoulderReads, the cinema program and the concert series, among others.

Two years ago, the library and the foundation saw a greater need to offer new programs and be more innovative to meet community needs.

Some examples of that collaboration are the new BLDG 61 Makerspace, an all-ages public workshop dedicated to hands-on learning and cultivating valuable experiences in the community through making; STEAM Saturdays, which have attracted more than 16,000 children; and a



sensory-friendly concert for people with autism.

The foundation provides the library the ability to offer new and relevant programming to the Boulder community while keeping long running, successful programming possible. It is especially proud to have provided the seed money to make the BLDG 61 Makerspace and the Teen Space a reality.

You can join the Library League of Boulder at three different, annual levels: Learners \$10, Creators \$20 and Innovators \$75. Member benefits include an invite to the annual Director's Perspective and a 10 percent discount at Seeds Café, and Innovator-level members will enjoy special access to BLDG 61 at invite-only Family Build Days and Hands-on Tours of the space.

Go online to see full details of the benefits and sign up: boulderlibraryfoundation.org/library-league-boulder.

DID YOU KNOW?

The increase in programming and funding from the Boulder Library Foundation has resulted in increased attendance for programs from approximately 50,000 people in 2014, to more than 126,000 so far in 2016.



PHOTO COURTESY: CARNEGIE BRANCH LIBRARY FOR LOCAL HISTORY

Indigenous Peoples' Day recognized

Indigenous Peoples' Day is part of a national effort to recognize and honor the existence, culture and contributions of the original inhabitants of North America on the day that has, for the past 82 years, been observed as Columbus Day.

The earliest known human inhabitants of Boulder, the Clovis people, left artifacts that date back to approximately 11,000 BCE. Archaeologists believe that they, along with their camels and other animals, congregated at a site along Gregory Creek. Yes, camels roamed around Boulder Valley at that time!

In subsequent years, many Paleo-Indian cultures inhabited areas of present-day Colorado including the Anasazi. These ancestral Puebloans are known for their rich culture of architecture: cliff dwellings and pit houses; crafting: basket-making, pendants and bracelets; rock art; agriculture and trade.

Among contemporary tribes, the Ute migrated to Colorado from Utah sometime prior to the 1600s to hunt large herds of buffalo. They were followed by the Comanche in the 1700s and later by the Arapaho and Cheyenne, along with several other indigenous groups.

Locally, the City of Denver passed a one-year proclamation in 2015 replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day; proponents are developing a proposal to make the change permanent. In a 2016 report prepared by the governor of Colorado's Commission to Study American Indian Representation in Public Schools, Commission Chair Clement Frost of the Southern Ute Tribe called for

Indigenous Peoples' Day Opening Ceremony
Sunday, Oct. 9, 2 to 4 p.m.
City of Boulder Council Chambers/Lobby
1777 Broadway

Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration
Monday Oct. 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Glen Huntington Band Shell
1212 Canyon Blvd.

the state to "recognize the role of American Indians in Colorado's history and to ensure that this history is taught comprehensively and accurately."

Boulder's community-initiated project to adopt Indigenous Peoples' Day began earlier this year with the assistance of Mayor Pro Tem Mary Young. The committee expressed a high-level of commitment to two objectives in the resolution process.

First was a focus on the Boulder area and its significance to Native American culture. Second was presenting an accurate history of Native interaction with the Europeans, who arrived largely in the 19th century.

In response to the committee's proposal, a resolution was passed by City Council on Aug. 2, 2016, that officially recognizes Indigenous Peoples' Day.

For more information, please visit BoulderColorado.gov/Human-Services.

Boulder Energy Future



Save the date!

Open House

Oct. 10, 2016

Details at www.BoulderEnergyFuture.com

Municipalization Update

City filing supplemental application to the PUC

In the last Community Newsletter, we wrote about Boulder's "parallel paths" for meeting its clean electricity goals: municipalization (or the creation of a city-run electric utility) and negotiation with Xcel Energy. In this issue, we're diving deeper into municipalization.

At press time, the City of Boulder was putting the finishing touches on a supplemental application to file with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Once it is filed, the supplemental application will be made available at www.BoulderEnergyFuture.com.

This application seeks permission from the PUC, which regulates the utility industry for the state, to transfer certain electricity assets – like poles, wires and meters – from Xcel Energy to the city. City engineers have determined that these assets are necessary to create and operate a municipal electric utility.

How we got here

The city is exploring the possibility of creating its own electric utility as one approach to realizing its clean energy vision: 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.

The city has completed many important steps

towards making this vision a reality. As anticipated, one of the more technically challenging ones has been to develop an engineering plan that ensures safe and reliable electricity for all customers and meets state regulatory approval.

In July 2015, the city filed a separation application at the PUC. That original application assumed that the city and Xcel would be able to share facilities, and that city service would be limited to in-city customers. The application was partially dismissed in December.

In that ruling, the PUC upheld the city's right to create its own utility but said Boulder could not seek to acquire assets that exclusively serve electric customers outside city limits. Regulators also indicated they would not require Xcel to share facilities with the city.

In that same ruling, however, the PUC ordered all parties to participate in a discovery process. Through discovery, the city obtained important technical information that Xcel had been unwilling to provide previously. This has informed this phase of technical analysis and the new plan the city will file.

Supplemental Application/Separation Plan

The city is confident its new separation plan, detailed in the supplemental application, will meet all of our community's energy goals, Charter metrics passed by voters when this process started, as well as the requirements spelled out by the PUC.

Visit BoulderEnergyFuture.com for the most up-to-date information on the city's municipalization project.

Municipalization Timeline

- 2006**
Voters pass nation's first carbon tax. Negotiations with Xcel Energy begin.
- 2010**
Boulder decides not to renew 20-year contract with Xcel.
- 2011**
Voters fund evaluation and set requirements for a clean energy utility.
- 2013**
Third-party evaluation confirms city can meet requirements.
- 2014**
City creates transition plan for operating local utility; begins legal process in district court.
- 2015**
Boulder starts regulatory process at Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC).
- 2016**
Boulder and Xcel announce joint settlement negotiations; city files supplemental application to PUC.

- 2017**
PUC will rule on city's supplemental application.

Keep your head up, Boulder

In April 2014, the City of Boulder earned recognition as a Gold-level Walk Friendly Community, one of only 13 Gold-level communities in the U.S.

Walking is a fun and healthy way to get around Boulder, but please use the following tips to keep yourself safe.

Pedestrian safety tips:

- Be alert and avoid distractions such as electronic devices that take your attention off the road, this includes wearing headphones in both ears.
- Whenever possible, cross the street at a designated crosswalk and activate the crosswalk button – make your intention clear that you want to cross at un-signalized intersections.
- Make eye contact with drivers so you know that they see you.
- Increase your visibility at night by carrying a flashlight and wearing retro-reflective clothing.
- It's safest to walk on a sidewalk, but if one is not available, walk on the shoulder and face traffic.
- When walking along multi-use paths, walk on the



right side and allow other pedestrians and bicyclists to pass on the left.

- Do not walk along railroad tracks and only cross railroad tracks at designated crossings.

For more information on walking in Boulder, please contact Dave “DK” Kemp, senior transportation planner, at 303-441-1955 or dk@bouldercolorado.gov.

Visit bouldercolorado.gov/goboulder/walk for more information on walking in Boulder.

The City of Boulder walking and bicycling map is available at bit.ly/2cpipnx.

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.

Guarde su cabeza para arriba, Boulder

En abril de 2014, la Ciudad de Boulder recibió un reconocimiento como una Comunidad Amigable a los Peatones de Nivel de Oro, una de solo 13 comunidades de nivel de oro en los Estados Unidos.

Caminar es una forma divertida y sana de recorrer Boulder, pero, por favor, use los siguientes consejos para mantenerse seguro.

Consejos de seguridad para peatones:

- Esté alerta y evite las distracciones como los dispositivos electrónicos que desvían su atención de la calle; esto incluye llevar auriculares en ambos oídos.
- Cuando sea posible, cruce la calle en un cruce para peatones designado y active el botón para cruzar – haga clara su intención de cruzar en intersecciones no señalizadas.
- Haga contacto visual con los conductores para asegurarse de que ellos también le vean.
- Aumente su visibilidad de noche llevando una linterna

y usando ropa que refleje las luces.

- Lo más seguro es caminar por la acera, pero si no hay una disponible, camine por el arcén (cuneta o banquina) mirando hacia el tráfico.
- Cuando camine por senderos de uso múltiple, camine del lado derecho y permita que otros peatones y ciclistas pasen por la izquierda.
- No camine por las vías del ferrocarril y cruce las vías en los cruces designados.

Si desea obtener más información para caminar en Boulder, por favor, comuníquese con Dave “DK” Kemp, senior transportation planner, al (303) 441-1955 o dk@boulder-colorado.gov.

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El mapa para caminar y andar en bicicleta por la Ciudad de Boulder está disponible en bit.ly/2cpipnx.

Cyclists, let your light shine bright

As fall sets in and days get shorter, bicyclists are reminded to use proper lights and reflective gear while riding between dusk and dawn to make travel in Boulder safer for bicyclists, drivers and pedestrians.

Riding a bike with mounted lights not only increases visibility and safety – it's also the law. Boulder Revised Code requires all bicyclists traveling between dusk and dawn to equip their bikes with both a mounted white light on the front and a red reflector on the back (B.R.C. 7-5-11: Bicycle Headlight and Reflector Required).

Here are a few safety tips for riding at night:

- Use a white front light, red rear blinking light at night or when visibility is poor.
- Wear bright colors and/or reflective gear.
- A stronger headlight (300 lumens or above) is recommended on multi-use paths, which are much darker at night compared to city streets.
- To be more visible from the side, add lights or reflectors on wheels.

To help the community get ready for the end of Daylight Saving, during the first two weeks of November, the City



of Boulder and community partners are teaming up for the annual Lighten Up Boulder safety campaign to encourage the use of bike lights for nighttime riding.

During the campaign, the City of Boulder's GO Boulder team will give away simple front and rear bike lights to riders at various locations throughout the city.

For information about bike safety tips and the Lighten Up Boulder campaign, visit www.GOBoulder.net.

Future Choices Forums

Join Boulder and Boulder County this fall for community engagement events that will help shape the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan. The focus of these meetings will be on shaping policies and examining land use scenarios and policy choices to address key issues identified by the community, such as housing affordability and diversity and the balance between jobs and population.

These meetings will be held around town to help provide a local perspective on citywide choices. Be sure to check BoulderValleyCompPlan.net for times and locations.

Also keep an eye on the mail in October for the Comp Plan's survey – yours might be one of 6,000 households invited to participate in a statistically valid survey focused on pivotal topics and choice.

For more news and details about upcoming events, go to www.BoulderValleyCompPlan.net.

A Boulder Community Project

Alpine-Balsam

The first phase of planning for redevelopment of the Boulder Community Health - Broadway Campus site continues.

You can learn more about the project and discover ways to participate in the process by visiting the project website:

bouldercolorado.gov/Planning/AlpineBalsam

Ask questions or share ideas with the project team.

Email: AlpineBalsam@BoulderColorado.gov

Call: 303-441-1881



Making buildings better

New energy requirements for commercial buildings advance climate and vitality goals

Commercial and industrial buildings – think office and manufacturing buildings, government buildings, schools and the University of Colorado – generate more than half of Boulder’s total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Improving energy performance in these buildings represents a big opportunity for our community to take climate action while contributing to the local economy and making buildings more comfortable for employees and students.

So how can we do it?

Boulder already has some of the most climate friendly building codes in the country. The newly adopted Boulder Building Performance Ordinance takes the next step.

These requirements affect roughly 450 city-owned and privately owned buildings, or approximately one-quarter of all commercial and industrial buildings in Boulder, and are phased in over time, beginning this year. The city worked with a stakeholder group of building owners to design requirements, and has already seen some impressive efforts to comply.

What do new requirements ask of building owners?

New requirements move beyond voluntary programs and require owners of commercial and industrial buildings

20,000 square feet and larger to rate and report building energy use. This means that they must measure and compare the energy their buildings use to other similar buildings, and then provide this information to their tenants and the city. Owners are also required to take actions that improve energy use in their buildings.

Made possible by Boulder’s Climate Action Plan (CAP) tax, the city is offering rebates to help offset the costs of efficiency improvements and is providing training, support and materials designed to make this process as easy as possible.

What do new requirements ask of the city?

To demonstrate its commitment to improving building performance, the city is holding itself to the same requirements as building owners and has already rated and reported energy use for all of its facilities 5,000 square feet and larger.

How does building performance impact our community?

The city estimates that as a result of the Boulder Building Performance Ordinance, efficiency improvements will generate \$8.5 million to \$14 million in economic savings each year – money that can be spent in the local community. Efficiency improvements are also estimated to reduce total community GHG emissions by an amount equal to removing 21,000 cars off the road each year.

To learn more about Boulder Building Performance or to view the city’s building performance, visit BoulderBuildingPerformance.com.



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With this money, we have developed a plan that supports key responsibilities of local government as well as initiatives or projects that fall within our Sustainability Framework. This framework spells out the focus areas that create a successful and well-balanced community, as shown in the icons on this page. I am pleased to say that each of these areas is well represented in this proposed budget.

Every year, there are themes that emerge. For 2017, we continued to focus on core services, like public safety, human services, the library and others.

At the same time, we have provided funding for important ongoing initiatives that help make Boulder a special place to live, work and play. Among these are climate and resilience efforts, as well as coordinated and comprehensive planning for public gathering spots, like the Civic Area.

We also wanted to emphasize support for the arts, as called for by the Community Cultural Plan adopted earlier this year.

More recent community conversations have focused on living wage, social equity and inclusivity issues, as well as the importance of engaging those who are impacted by our decisions and policies in a more meaningful way. This budget also brings the city into compliance with the spirit and the letter of several federal regulations related to healthcare and city employee classification and compensation.

I know there may be differing perspectives on how we might spend our resources – and I look forward to hearing a variety of viewpoints. I am, however, so proud to work in – and for – a community that understands the positive difference local government can make, and I thank you for the taxpayer support that makes a budget as comprehensive as this possible.

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We welcome your feedback!

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911

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8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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