

LOUISVILLE BRING YOUR BAG



Just four short months from now, Louisville's voter-approved disposable bag tax goes into effect. Starting January 1, 2022, all Louisville retailers will be required to charge \$0.25 for every plastic and paper bag provided at checkout.

What's the Environmental Impact of Disposable Bags?

Single-use disposable plastic bags take hundreds of years to breakdown, clog waterways, and over time release dangerous chemicals. They're incredibly difficult to recycle and not accepted into Louisville's curbside recycling program. Paper bags are not an environmentally positive alternative, and during manufacturing, use a tremendous amount of resources and produce a higher concentration of toxic chemicals.

How Does the Tax Work?

Louisville's disposable bag tax, which was overwhelmingly approved by voters last November, applies a \$0.25 charge to all disposable bags from all retail stores (not just supermarkets) and aims to reduce single-use bag waste.

Is Anyone Exempt From the Tax?

The disposable bag tax does not apply to participants in a federal or state food assistance program (i.e. SNAP).

Everyone can avoid paying the tax by bringing their own reusable bag with them when they're shopping.

PICK UP A FREE REUSABLE BAG!



Now is the perfect time to start getting in the habit of bringing a reusable bag with you when you're shopping. Free "Louisville Bring Your Bag" reusable bags are available at City facilities and through City partners, while supplies last.

For more information, visit LouisvilleCO.gov/BagTax or contact Sustainability Coordinator Katie Baum by email KBaum@LouisvilleCO.gov or phone (303) 335-4534.



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR STOLZMANN



Reducing Our Environmental Impact

Firstly, I want to thank Louisville residents for continuing to work together to find ways for the City to reduce our community's impact on the environment.

The City Council has heard these calls to action, and we will be discussing the potential building code changes that many residents have brought to our attention. Our upcoming work includes consideration of dark sky lighting standards, additional efficiency requirements for our building codes and potentially other new building code requirements to reduce building emissions, improvements to our local transportation system to encourage more biking and walking, and, as you will read more about in this issue of the Community Update, implementation of the community-approved \$0.25 disposable bag tax.

We would love to hear from you on these topics and any other ideas about keeping Louisville a great place to live, visit and work. All members of City Council, including myself, do better when we collaborate and can include your feedback. You can find our contact details on page 11 of the Community Update or by visiting LouisvilleCO.gov/CityCouncil. We look forward to hearing from you.

All the best,

Mayor Stolzmann

Mayor Stolzmann's next **Mayor's Town Hall** is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29 at 6 PM. City Council Meetings are open to the public and currently held online the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 PM. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Calendar for details.

GET VACCINATED

The COVID-19 vaccine is crucial for bringing an end to the pandemic. In Colorado, the vaccine is always free and everyone age 12 and older is eligible to receive it.

Vaccines must be proven to be safe and effective before they are given to people. The COVID-19 vaccines are no different. These vaccines are being proven safe every day, as hundreds of thousands of Coloradans - doctors, nurses, seniors, and others - have already received them. Nationally, many millions of people have also safely received the vaccine.

Visit covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine or call **1-877-CO VAX CO (1-877-268-2926)** to find out where to receive your free vaccine.

COVID-19 UPDATE & INDOOR MASKS

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend masks indoors for people age 2 and older, regardless of vaccination status, in areas of substantial or high transmission, which includes Boulder County and neighboring counties.

Masks are required in all City of Louisville buildings (including City Hall, the Recreation & Senior Center, and the Library) for people age 2 and older, regardless of vaccination status.

In accordance with Boulder County Public Health's Public Health Order, masks are required indoors for everyone age 2 and older in schools, youth camps, childcare and youth programming/sports, regardless of vaccination status. This includes participants, program staff, volunteers and spectators. 'Youth programs' are defined as programs intended for individuals under age 19.

This reflects the most up to date information at the time of printing, but please always check the City's website for the most recent public health guidance and information about City Facilities.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/COVID19 or scan the QR Code for more information and to sign up for regular public health updates from the City.



IN-PERSON EVENTS

City events listed as in-person events may be held as virtual events or cancelled due to the changing nature of public health guidance. Please always check the City's calendar at LouisvilleCO.gov/Calendar before attending any events.

BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

The City will be accepting applications for 2022 board and commission vacancies beginning October 1.

Special skills are not required for most boards, but communication skills, problem solving, teamwork, community engagement, and a commitment to transparency are beneficial characteristics to possess.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Boards in October for more details.

The application deadline is November 8. If selected, new members will take their seats in January.

Meetings are held online until further notice.

If you have questions, please call City Clerk Meredyth Muth 303.335.4536.



LABOR DAY PARADE ON PINE STREET



The 85th Annual Labor Day Parade will take place on Monday, September 6, 2021 at 10 AM with the theme 'Friends and Neighbors'. Due to the temporary closure of Main Street to support downtown dining, the parade route will run along Pine Street, starting at Via Appia and ending at Hoover Avenue.

Labor Day in Louisville is the biggest community celebration of the year. Don't miss the chance to come together with friends and neighbors to experience a weekend celebrating the community spirit of Louisville as we enjoy being back together again.

The Children's Pet Parade and Fall Festival in Memory Square Park will not take place this year.

Road/Lane Closures

The eastbound lane of Via Appia will be closed to vehicles from McCaslin to Pine. Pine Street will be closed to vehicles from Via Appia to McKinley.

Both closures will take place on Monday, Sept. 6 from 8 AM to 2 PM.

The Recreation & Senior Center will also be closed on Labor Day.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/LaborDay for more details.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND EVENTS

The Louisville Art Association's 2021 Fine Art Show & Sale will open at 2 PM on Friday, September 3 (through September 12) at the Louisville Center for the Arts.

The Annual Senior Dinner will take place at 5 PM on Friday, September 3, 2021 in Memory Square Park. The event is free and no RSVP is required.

The Louisville Historical Museum will be participating in the First Friday Art Walk on September 3 between 6 and 8 PM. Stop by the Museum to celebrate Louisville History Month and the Museum's 35th Anniversary of serving this community.

The Annual Bocce Tournament will take place in Memory Square Park on Saturday, September 4, 2021 between 8:30 AM and 5 PM.

Memory Square Outdoor Pool will be open all weekend and on Labor Day.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/LaborDay for more details.

MUSEUM'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Museum is celebrating its 35th Anniversary and Louisville History Month in September. There are several FREE opportunities for you to join in the fun.

- Aug. 31 Memory Square Replica Open to Public
- Sept. 3 Museum participating in the First Friday Art Walk
- Sept. 11 Vintage Base Ball* Game
- Sept. 18 Louisville's Frenchtown Neighborhood Walking Tour
- Sept. 20 Louisville History Timeline Release
- Sept. 25 Historic Trees of Downtown Louisville Walking Tour

VINTAGE BASE BALL GAME

The Museum will host a free vintage base ball* game at 11 AM on September 11 at Miners Field. The Louisville Miners team will face off against the Star Base Ball Club of Colorado Territory, who represent the Colorado Vintage Base Ball Association. The game will feature historic uniforms, equipment, and game rules, and take place at Louisville's own historic ball park that has been the location of countless ball games since the late 1800s. Bring the whole family to enjoy America's pastime with cracker jacks and photo opportunities!

*Baseball, seen here as Base Ball, was historically spelled as two separate words.

More Museum event details can be found on page 7.



NEW TILE MURALS IN MCCASLIN UNDERPASS



This summer, Mayor Stolzmann officially unveiled 'Beneath The Mesa', eight tile murals located in the McCaslin Blvd Pedestrian Underpass between Harper Lake and Davidson Mesa Open Space.

Local artists Rita Vali and Robyn Rathweg spent several months designing and creating the colorful tile murals, which utilize stylized and abstracted images of native flora and fauna to depict the underground ecosystem. Rita and Robyn worked closely with the City's Senior Natural Resources Specialist Steve Roels to ensure that the artwork accurately reflects Louisville's iconic Davidson Mesa Open Space.

Celebrating the unveiling of the new public art, Mayor Stolzmann said:

"I'd like to thank the Louisville Cultural Council and local artists Rita Vali and Robyn Rathweg, as well as the City's Open Space staff, for working together to deliver this colorful addition to Louisville's rich public art offering.

"Residents regularly tell me that spending time in our open spaces is what they love most about Louisville and I know that the new tile murals will only enrich this experience."

The ribbon cutting ceremony, which was attended by residents, councilmembers and members of the Louisville Cultural Council, was followed by a family-friendly nature walk to explore Davidson Mesa in search of the flora and fauna depicted in the artwork.

The project, which cost \$22,650, was funded by the Louisville Cultural Council and approved through the City's Public Art Process.

More information about the project, including a species list of plants and animals in the artwork and a printable Prairie Bingo, can be found at LouisvilleCO.gov/McCaslinUnderpass.

BE THE VOICE OF YOUTH OF LOUISVILLE!

Are you interested in local government, community issues and volunteering? Are you a Louisville Resident who will be in the 6th-12th grade this upcoming school year? We encourage you to apply for a seat on the City of Louisville's Youth Advisory Board! The 2021-2022 focus will be Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Board members must be available the first Thursday night each month, as well as an additional 2-4 hours every month.

The application deadline is 8 AM, September 7, 2021.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/YAB for details.

NEW EV CHARGING STATION AT GOLF COURSE

You can now charge your electric vehicle while you play golf at Coal Creek Golf Course! The City has installed a new Level II dual port ChargePoint charging station at the Golf Course as part of a commitment to promote electric vehicle adoption and publicly accessible charging stations. EV charging stations can also be found at the Recreation & Senior Center and the Library parking garage. To use the charging stations, you need to create an account at ChargePoint.com.

COMMUNITY VIDEO PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Video surveillance cameras are a great tool for apprehending criminals or investigating a missing persons report. The problem is that police don't know where most of the cameras in our community are located. Going door to door during an investigation is a time-consuming process, especially when time is of the essence to solve a crime. The solution is knowing where cameras are located so if a crime occurs near a registered camera, officers can easily and quickly contact the camera owners whose cameras may have captured valuable footage and work with them to view the video if needed.

To find out more about registering your home or business's video cameras with the Police Department, visit LouisvilleCO.gov/CameraRegistry.

RAILROAD QUIET ZONES

Having completed the Railroad Quiet Zone work on South Boulder Road, BNSF Railroad will complete work at the crossings at Dillon Road, Pine Street, and Griffith Street. Construction dates will be confirmed by BNSF.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Construction for the most up to date information.

A Railroad Quiet Zone is a section of rail line that contains one or more consecutive public crossings at which locomotive horns are not routinely sounded. LouisvilleCO.gov/RailroadQuietZones

MUNICIPAL FACILITY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES

Municipal Facilities are Undergoing \$600k in Efficiency Upgrades

In 2019, City Council advanced its commitment to climate action by unanimously adopting Resolution 25-2019, setting clean energy and carbon emission reduction goals for the municipality and larger community.

In coordination with these goals, \$600,000 was included in the 2021 budget for energy efficiency upgrades at municipal facilities, with the goal of reducing energy consumption at facilities and improving operations and management.

The planned upgrades will be completed in 2021 and at this time, primarily focus on LED lighting improvements, with evaluation on equipment, insulation, and other high impact improvements being considered.

Municipal Facility Highlights To-Date

- As of March 2020, all facility electricity comes from carbon-free sources. City facilities participate in Xcel Energy's premium renewable programs, Wind-source and Renewable*Connect, community solar gardens (CSGs) in Boulder and Weld counties and on-site solar at the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants.
- In June 2021, the five main facilities (Recreation and Senior Center, Library, Police and Court, City Services and City Hall) have undergone ASHRAE Level 1 audits with ClearResult and Xcel Energy. A Level 1 audit establishes a baseline of where the building currently stands in regards to energy use and efficiency, how it compares to other similar buildings, and what areas need further investigation or improvement.
- Other efficiency initiatives include facility energy benchmarking and the participation of the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants in Xcel Energy's Strategic Energy Management (SEM) program, which is a holistic approach to managing energy for persistent savings and continuous improvements. The program offers the City the expertise of Xcel and a 3rd party sub-consultant in developing recommendations for capital equipment investment and system-level operational changes to achieve energy efficiencies. Some completed projects include: upgraded lighting at the North plant, improving systems and operations for equipment run times, installing programmable thermostats, improving pump staging, etc.



LOUISVILLE

BIKE, WALK & WHEEL WEEK

SEPTEMBER 20 - 26, 2021

Bike, Walk & Wheel Week is a celebration of ditching the car and being active with a week of education and events to get you out of the car and onto our trails, bike paths, and public transit.

Celebrate with us!
Find out how to participate at
**LouisvilleCO.gov/
BikeWalkWheel**



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY PROGRAMS

In 2019, Louisville City Council proclaimed the second Monday of October each year as Indigenous Peoples Day to recognize the foundational and cultural contributions of Indigenous Peoples to the history of our community.



The Louisville Historical Museum Presents Fort Chambers: A Call for Boulder to Reckon with our History and Build Right Relationships with Indigenous Peoples Today

October 6, 2021

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Library Meeting Room*

Throughout our country, people are re-assessing how we memorialize our history, especially in regard to racial injustice and conflict. This is an immediate challenge -- and opportunity -- for the people of Boulder County.

The City of Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) department is considering how to protect and develop the site of Fort Chambers, which was one of the staging grounds for the 1864 Sand Creek Massacre where 230 Cheyenne and Arapaho people were killed.

Right Relationship Boulder is advocating for Cheyenne and Arapaho people to determine how this history should be memorialized at the Fort Chambers OSMP site. Right Relationship Boulder volunteers Paula Palmer, Christine Quinlan, and Tim Harnos will narrate a slide presentation about the connections between the Boulder Valley and the Sand Creek Massacre, followed by open discussion.

Advanced registration is suggested for this program. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Calendar to register and to confirm that this indoor, in-person event is going ahead. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/COVID19 for the most current mask requirements for City buildings.

Native Americans of Colorado: Active Minds Virtual Program

October 12, 2021

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join Active Minds as we tell the stories of the original inhabitants of Colorado. From Mesa Verde to the high plains, we will trace the civilizations of the Ute, Cheyenne, Arapaho, Pueblo, and other tribes as we seek to understand Colorado's Native American history and legacy. This is a free, virtual program; registration is required. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Calendar to register.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

The Louisville Public Library and the Library Foundation would like to express our gratitude to all the Sponsors that helped make the Summer Reading Program such a success. Their support helped the Library foster a lifetime love of reading for 2,316 participants this summer.

A special thank you to these Gold Sponsors:

- Pica's Mexican Taqueria Louisville
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- Crumbl Cookies – Superior
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- Tilt Pinball
- The Colorado Rapids.

50 BOOKS IN FIRST GRADE

Do you have a first-grade student in your family?

The Louisville Public Library invites all first-grade students to join us this school year for 50 Books in First Grade.

Students that read 50 books during the school year will win prizes!



Visit the Children's desk for more information and to register. Sign-up begins September 1, online and at the Library. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/50Books for more details.

ACCEPTING BOOK DONATIONS

The Library appreciates and gladly accepts regular book donations at the Library Circulation Desk. Based on resource and space limitations, we can accept up to 2 boxes of Adult, Young Adult, or Children's books at a time from patrons.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/DonateBooks for full guidelines for regular donations to the Library.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY EXHIBIT

Check out the Louisville Historical Museum's front windows starting in late September to learn about aspects of Arapaho culture and language that influenced place names and terms we use today.

The Arapaho language was spoken in this area well before Louisville existed and is still spoken today. And learn about ways you can get involved with Indigenous People's Day celebrations and efforts year-round via Indigenous activists and local organizations.

MEMORY SQUARE REPLICA OPENING

Visit the Louisville Historical Museum starting in September to see the new historic replica from Dick Del Pizzo focused on the community buildings that were at Memory Square Park. Experience history in 3D and learn about what Louisville looked like over 100 years ago in this new 2' x 3' permanent exhibit!

No registration is required. Museum admission is free for all ages.

MUSEUM'S WALKING TOURS

Sept. 18, 9 AM

Louisville's Frenchtown Neighborhood - Diane Marino will lead a tour of the historic Frenchtown neighborhood that is located in the vicinity of Rex and Parkview Streets, just north of Community Park.

Sept. 25 at 9 AM

Historic Trees of Downtown Louisville - Join Chris Lichty, City Forester, as he leads a tour about historic and significant trees in Louisville. This tour is cosponsored by the Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Dept. and the Louisville Historical Museum.

Nov. 7 and Nov. 14 at 10 AM

Louisville During the Great War - Join the Museum and Open Space for a walking tour of the industries that shaped Louisville's wartime culture and economy. Join the City's Ranger Naturalist and Louisville Historical Museum staff for a walking tour of traces from the industries that fueled Louisville's contributions to the war effort.

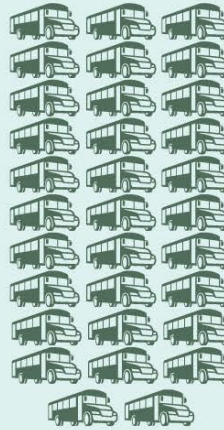
Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Calendar to register for walking tours.

ASH PIT GETS NEW LIFE

The Louisville Historical Museum and the Louisville History Foundation recently partnered to move a beehive-shaped ash pit from the backyard of a downtown Louisville home to the Museum campus. Visit the Museum to learn how the ash pit was a part of Louisville domestic life. LouisvilleCO.gov/Museum

Louisville Public Library 2021 Summer Reading Program

Tales and Tails



2328 Total Participants

If all of the Summer Reading Program participants were to visit the Library, it would take over **32 School Buses** to fit all of our readers!

Here's how readers break down by age:

- 1250 Children
- 452 Teens
- 625 Adults

Local Business Scavenger Hunt

1077 Summer Reading Program participants visited **18 different local businesses** to look for secret code words to be entered to win prizes!



905 FREE Books

All Summer Reading Program participants who reached 30 days of reading earned a FREE book! **905 FREE** books were awarded to our readers!

188 Years of Reading

This summer our readers read for an amazing **68,979 days**. That's a total of **188 years, 10 months, and 10 days** of reading!





RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER

Preschool Openings

Preschool Openings at the Louisville Recreation & Senior Center - Ages 3-5 by 9/30/21

- State-Licensed
- Small Class Size
- Indoor & Outdoor Learning Spaces
- Play-based learning
- Positive, Stimulating & Safe Environment
- Professional, Experienced Teachers

"One of my favorite parts of the program is the teachers...because of their patience, knowledge, good curriculum, compassion and professionalism"
– Preschool Parent.

Watch our videos at LouisvilleCO.gov/Preschool to learn what makes our program unique.

Senior Services

Louisville Senior Services offers numerous fitness and aquatics classes, as well as, daily drop-in programs, general interest classes, special events, and day trips with a wide variety of venues that appeal to the interests of our participants.

We serve indoor dining lunch Monday through Friday at noon as well as to-go order pick up at 12:15 PM. Call Tricia Morgan at 303.335.4931 or email brookscafe@LouisvilleCO.gov for your meal reservation, which is needed by 1:30 PM the business day before. Check out our menu at www.LouisvilleRecreation.com.

Katie Tofte, our Community Resource Coordinator, can assist you, your family, or caregivers with a wide range of resources available to you. Transportation, financial assistance, legal services, Medicare, and housing are just a few of the wealth of resources in our area.

Snow Shoveling Assistance for Seniors

Snow shoveling help is available for seniors 60+, who meet the following eligibility requirements: you live in your Louisville residence year round and your income is under \$25,000/year for a single person or under \$30,000/year as a couple. For more information, contact Katie Tofte at KTofte@LouisvilleCO.gov or by calling 303.335.4919.

Volunteers Needed for Snowbusters program

Do you like to shovel snow and help in your community? Louisville Senior Services is in need of volunteers to help keep seniors in Louisville safe in their homes by providing snow shoveling. To be a snow buster, you will need to complete a volunteer application. For more information, contact Katie Tofte KTofte@LouisvilleCO.gov or by calling 303.335.4919.

UPCOMING SENIOR PROGRAMS

Senior Services Wellness & Resource Fair

This fair is for Seniors, their families, and caregivers to learn about resources in the area including home health, housing, transportation, nutrition and much more.

Friday, October 1, 9 -11 AM
No registration necessary.

Senior Services Thanksgiving Feast

We will provide the main meal of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetable, cranberry sauce and roll and ask those joining us to bring either an appetizer or dessert to share with friends at your table. This event is free with a suggested donation of \$3.50 that you can bring to the event.

Thursday, November 18 12 -1 PM

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/COVID19 for the current mask requirements for City buildings. Check the City Calendar LouisvilleCO.gov to confirm that these in-person events are taking place.

FREEZE RESISTANT DRINKING FOUNTAINS

The installation of freeze resistant drinking fountains has been completed at the Arboretum restroom and the Community Park restroom. The fountains consist of ADA compliant high and low level fountains in addition to bottle fillers.

Most of the plumbing for the fountains is inside the restroom buildings in a heated storage area. During colder weather water can still be obtained from the fountains as the fountains drain back in to the heated storage areas. Next time you are at these locations, check out the freeze resistant fountains.

OPEN SPACE EVENTS

Register for Open Space events at LouisvilleCO.gov/Calendar.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/COVID19 for the current mask requirements and guidance.

Pulling for Louisville Volunteer Weed Pull

Tuesday, September 7 from 6:30-7:30 PM

Davidson Mesa (meet at GHX entrance)

Audience: All ages

The Open Space Division need your help to remove weeds on Davidson Mesa Open Space. Noxious weed management will be discussed from 6:30 to 6:40 and then we will be clipping and bagging seed-heads of noxious weeds. Please bring gloves and hand clippers (if you have them) and be prepared for the elements.



OPEN SPACE EVENTS

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Prehistoric Animal Walk

Saturday, September 18 from 1-2 PM

Davidson Mesa Open Space (meet at trailhead off of McCaslin Blvd.)

Audience: All ages

Join a City of Louisville Ranger Naturalist for a hike and presentation about the prehistoric animals that used to live in Colorado. Where did they live? When were they here? Where did they go?

Plein Air Painting

Sunday, October 17 from 5-6:30 PM

Harper Lake (meet at trailhead off of Washington Ave.)

Audience: Ages 12 and up

A City of Louisville plein air painting event! What's the point of preserving beautiful views if you don't take the time to enjoy them? Put paint to canvas with fellow outdoor art enthusiasts at this casual get-together. Bring your brushes, canvases, and painting equipment to capture the iconic Harper Lake cottonwood tree at the Leon A. Wurl Wildlife Sanctuary. Please note: we are not providing any formal instruction, but this is a great way to meet other painters and share tips!

Spooktacular Critters

Thursday, October 28 from 6-7:30 PM

Louisville Recreation and Senior Center (900 West Via Appia Way)

Audience: Ages 5 and up

Spooktacular Critters is a fun Halloween event for the young and the young at heart. Please join us for Truths-n-Treats. Learn the real truths about snakes, spiders, bats and bones. Treat yourself and create a critter craft to take home. Wear your best Halloween costumes!

Dog Waste Pick-up at DOLA (Volunteer event)

Saturday, November 13 from 10 to 11 AM

Davidson Mesa Dog Off-leash Area

Drop in for a casual poop clean-up event at the Davidson Mesa Dog Off-Leash area. Keeping our Parks and Open Spaces free of pet waste helps keep people and dogs alike safe and healthy!

OPEN SPACE EVENTS

All About Birds

Tuesday, November 16 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Library 1st Floor Meeting Room (951 Spruce St)

Presented by Nature's Educators

Audience: All ages

Birds are incredible animals! Join Nature's Educators and learn how many birds have similar characteristics, but many of them look nothing alike! They will bring a variety of birds to compare habitats, diets, beaks, eye placement, feathers, feet, and more!

KEEPING YOUR TREES TRIMMED

Your cooperation is needed! Streets, sidewalks, and other public rights-of-way are for everyone's use. Property owners are responsible for their private trees and all other vegetation in the public right-of-way next to their property. Please trim any vegetation on your property that is overhanging sidewalks, trails, alleys, or streets.

Why do trees need to be trimmed?

Trimming and caring for your trees not only maintains good tree health but also enhances neighborhood safety. Overgrown vegetation is a safety hazard and limits the use of sidewalks, trails, streets, and alleys. It can also block the view of traffic signs, signals, vehicles, or cyclists. To ensure safe passage for everyone, trim tree limbs and vegetation at least 16 feet above streets or alleys to allow for delivery trucks, garbage trucks, and snowplows and at least 8 feet above sidewalks to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists.

Who is responsible for trimming trees?

It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain and care for trees that are situated or overhanging any street or public right-of-way, per Ord. No. 1484-2006, § 1, 2-7-2006. City Forestry does not conduct maintenance of trees on private property. If needed, property owners should consult with a licensed, independent landscape contractor or arborist to arrange for the removal of trees or tree branches on private property.

Where can I dispose of tree branches?

Louisville residents can drop off branches at the branch disposal site, located just to the north of the Louisville Cemetery on Empire Road, the first full weekend of each month from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For questions, contact City Forester Chris Lichty at 303.335.4733 or ChrisL@LouisvilleCO.gov.

Thank you for doing your part to create safe pathways in the City of Louisville.



UTILITY BILL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In 2020, the City suspended assessments of interest and penalties on overdue utility accounts and water disconnections due to non-payment. As of October 1, 2021, charges and disconnections will resume.

For information on financial assistance for paying overdue accounts, please contact the City at 303.335.4500. For details on other assistance available to residents in need, visit LouisvilleCO.gov/CommunityResources.

NOVEMBER ELECTION

The City will participate in the November 2 Coordinated Mail Ballot Election. The City's election will include one City Council seat for each of the City's three wards and one ballot issue. Active registered Colorado voters are automatically sent ballots in the mail for the November election.

Vote Centers are available for those that need or want to vote in-person. You can register to vote or check/update your ballot mailing address at www.GoVoteColorado.gov.

Ballots for the November 2 Election will be mailed beginning October 11.

Here are some important things to keep in mind:

- Ballot Information will be available beginning mid-September. Do your research early and be ready to vote.
- Sign up at www.BoulderCountyVotes.org for Ballot Track to be notified when your ballot is mailed to you and when it has been received and accepted for counting.
- October 25 is the last day to register and still be mailed a ballot. It is also the last day to request a replacement mail ballot be sent to you. After this date, you can still register and vote or request a replacement ballot, but it must be done in-person at a Vote Center or through our Ballot-to-Go service. There is no registration deadline.
- You should mail your ballot back with plenty of time to meet the deadline. Otherwise, simply use a ballot drop box to return your ballot. Louisville's drop box is located at the Louisville Recreation Center.
- All mail ballots are due by 7 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2.

For more election information, visit www.BoulderCountyVotes.org, call 303.413.7740, or email Vote@BoulderCountyVotes.org.

STREETLIGHT CONVERSION

Beginning late summer and early fall, the City of Louisville will begin a five-year phased project with Xcel Energy to convert 1,100 decorative streetlights to dark sky compliant LED fixtures across the community. The project will build on previous efforts in 2016 that replaced 700 cobrahead streetlights through Xcel's Colorado LED Streetlight program. We took feedback from the community on the previous conversion and have adjusted the color temperature and brightness. By 2025, all of Louisville's remaining streetlights will be dark sky compliant and energy efficient.

"The new LED fixtures will conserve energy and further support the reduction of our community's light pollution and its impact on our natural habitat," says Mayor Stolzmann. "As an organization and as a community, we strive to lead by example, and we're eager to see the streetlight conversions kick off this fall. I thank City staff and Xcel Energy for their ongoing work to make this project come to fruition."

Why LED?

Light emitting diode (LED) lights are more durable, long lasting and cost-effective than the previously used high-pressure sodium vapor (HPSV) lights. In fact, LED fixtures use up to 60 percent less electricity than HPSV lights and have a longer life, resulting in fewer replacements, less maintenance and better quality street lighting. In pilot projects, LED streetlights have been linked to enhanced public safety because they deliver more visible light and reduced glare. Additionally, they provide an environmental advantage by using less energy.

The Importance of Dark Sky Lighting

Did you know that light can be a pollutant? The inappropriate or excessive use of artificial light – known as light pollution – can have serious environmental consequences for humans, wildlife, and our climate.

Scientific evidence suggests that artificial light at night has negative and deadly effects on many creatures including amphibians, birds, mammals, insects and plants.

Outdoor lighting is relied on for a variety of needs, including safety. Dark sky lighting does not mean the complete removal of lighting but that lighting be used wisely to minimize the harmful effects of light pollution.

ASPHALT MILL AND PATCHING THROUGH NOV.

The Operations Team is milling and patching streets and filling potholes through November, primarily to extend the life of the roadway before it needs to be replaced. Please use caution and reduce your speed in construction zones.



WANT TO STAY IN THE KNOW?

The City of Louisville is committed to keeping residents and businesses up to date with the latest news and events. Sign up to the Monthly Community Update email newsletter today to receive a roundup of news from the City.

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Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/WardMap to find your ward or call 303.335.4536.

To provide feedback on the Community Update, contact Gloria Handyside
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Economic Development	303.335.4531
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Historical Museum	303.335.4850
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Memory Square Pool	303.666.7909
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LEAF & BRANCH DISPOSAL

Republic Curbside Leaf & Branch Collection Event

Residents participating in the city-wide solid waste program through Republic Services can take part in the Curbside Leaf & Branch Collection Event. Republic will collect up to twenty (20) compostable bags and an unlimited number of bundles of shrubbery and tree limbs cut to 4' length, no more than 18" in diameter, and tied with twine or rope. Compostable bags can be purchased at home improvement stores.

Tuesday and Wednesday Customers:

Saturday, October 30, 2021 (materials in street/gutter area by 7 AM)

Thursday and Friday Customers:

Saturday, November 6, 2021 (materials in street/gutter area by 7 AM)

Leaf Drop Off at Louisville Sports Complex: October 18 - November 20, 2021

The Louisville Sports Complex Leaf Drop Off Site (located at 1200 Courtesy Road/ Ballfield Complex off of CO-42) will be open daily from 7:30 AM until 3 PM. The drop off site is at the south end/back of the parking lot. Only leaves and grass clippings are accepted (no branches or trash). No paper, plastic, or compostable bags (please empty leaves out of bags and take bags away).

****NEW FOR 2021** Additional Branch Recycle Site Dates (Leaves NOT accepted)**

The Branch Recycle Site (normally open the first full weekend of each month) will be open every weekend 8 AM - 4 PM from October 2/3 until November 6/7. It is located on Empire Road, north of the cemetery. Leaves and grass clippings NOT accepted.

Garden waste can also be added to your compost cart. Republic Customers can request the largest compost cart at no extra charge.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/LeafandBranch for more information.

Contact Us - See page 11 for City Council and City Staff contact details.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/COVID19 for the most up to date information relating to COVID-19, the City Ordinance on facial coverings, and City facilities.

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