## L'City of Louisville COMMUNITY UPDATE

# Tis the Season...

Winter in Louisville is a special time with WinterSkate outdoor ice skating, free horse-drawn carriage rides courtesy of the Downtown Business Association, the Parade of Lights (December 3) on Main Street with Treat Bags from the Historical Museum and History Foundation, great shopping and dining in all of Louisville's business districts, the 122nd Audubon Christmas Bird Count (December 19), and miles of trails for snowy strolls on crisp Colorado days.

The Louisville Recreation & Senior Center is open on New Year's Day (7 AM to 5 PM) so come on in for a frenzy of classes like Body Pump, Zumba, AquaHIIT, Yoga, Cycling and more! Fitness Classes will run throughout the day and there will be online options. Fitness assessments will be available from Personal Trainers Anastasia, Terry, Diana, and Michael. Assessment registration opens online on December 27. For more information, contact Lindsey Witty at LWitty@LouisvilleCO.gov. On January 1, you can also visit the Recreation & Senior Center for their Punch Pass Sale.



WinterSkate outdoor ice skating at the Steinbaugh Pavilion on Front Street - Photo credit: Chris Dailey, Life in Louisville Photo Contest

#### **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

Show some local love to our businesses by shopping and dining out this holiday season. Celebrate and support local retailers in our community on Small Business Saturday. Consider purchasing merchandise, a meal, or a gift card in Louisville. Or take part in one of these free activities: leave a positive review online, refer friends and family, sign-up for business newsletters & promotions, or give a shout-out on social media. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/SupportLocal for local offers and promotions.



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#### A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR STOLZMANN



The Louisville Police Department, under the leadership of our Police Chief Dave Hayes, has been recognized for exemplary actions and policies this year. I am very proud of our Police Department and the values they continually display through their actions. In the last year, the Obama Foundation recognized that our department's

practices and policies meet the '8 Can't Wait standards' for reimagining policing. The department was also featured on the Denver News for exploring innovative tools like the Bolawrap, a pre-escalation apprehension tool.

#### 2021 Beth Haynes Special Recognition Award

Most recently, the Louisville Police Department received a Special Recognition Award at the 2021 Beth Haynes Memorial Ceremony for their exemplary service in responding to domestic violence in Boulder County. In addition to the award for the entire department, four of our officers were nominated for the Beth Haynes Award for demonstrating work of the highest standard of service.

Each nomination and award was earned because of deeply emotional casework where the officers used compassion, followed their intuition to dig deeper into what was really happening, and uncovered the truth about domestic violence and/or helped victims, who were terrified of their abusers. Their hard work and training are being recognized at a regional level and this reflects the department's commitment to serving our community. The Boulder County Domestic Violence Task Force and Zonta Foothills Club of Boulder County recognition includes:

2021 Beth Haynes Memorial Special Recognition -

Louisville Police Department

2021 Beth Haynes Memorial Award Nominees –

Sergeant Ben Redard

Officer Christopher Humphreys

Officer Ben Hibl

Officer Don Adam

Thank you to the department and to Chief Hayes for your tireless commitment to community policing, investigating beyond the obvious, and for making common sense common again.

#### **Mayor Ashley Stolzmann**

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

Colorado continues to experience high levels of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, primarily of the unvaccinated. The COVID-19 vaccine is now available and recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for everyone age 5 and older.

Residents are encouraged to continue to get tested if they're experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19, even if vaccinated.

In accordance with Boulder County Public Health's Public Health Order, masks are required indoors for everyone age 2 and older in areas of public accommodation, regardless of vaccination status. Some businesses and events are Vaccine Verified by Boulder County and masks may be removed in their premises.

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.

For links to free testing sites in Boulder County, the latest mask order, links to Vaccine Verified Premises in

Boulder County, and booster and vaccine resources, 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.

#### **EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION TASK FORCE**

On October 28, the Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Task Force met for the last time and on November 1, their recommendations were presented to City Council. The recommendations focus on five key areas:

- Safe and Welcoming Environment and Language Justice
- Housing
- Public Accommodation/Access to Services
- Youth Engagement
- Public Health

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/EDITaskForce to read the full report. Updates will be provided throughout 2022.



#### **2021 SNOWPLOWING UPDATE**

During the winter, the City of Louisville's snow crews are ready to respond 24 hours a day to snow and icy conditions. The crews work hard to keep primary and secondary streets and on-street bike lanes open, using materials and equipment that help reduce the dangers of winter travel.

The City's snowplowing program works on a priority system:

- Priority 1 Major Arterial (for example, high capacity roads like McCaslin Blvd)
- Priority 2 Collectors (for example Washington Street and W Dahlia Street - streets that connect major arterial streets to residential streets)
- Priority 3 Residential Through Streets (and City parking lots and sidewalks near the City's right of ways)
- Priority 4 Residential Other (and trails)

Like all industries right now, the City is experiencing a staffing shortage and having to adapt to working with fewer staff while continuing to try to recruit new staff in a competitive market. Working with fewer staff members means the City will focus on Priority 1 and 2 routes first and foremost, and that Priority 3 and 4 routes may not be cleared as quickly when resources are limited.

Commenting, Mayor Ashley Stolzmann said:

"Louisville residents have always been supportive of our snow crews in the past, with kind words in-person, in emails, and on social media. Our teams ask for this same kindness and patience this winter as we work to overcome new challenges. While the response may be slower than usual at times, we remain committed to providing high quality service and maintaining safe streets in Louisville."

Commenting, Interim City Manager Megan Davis said:

"Clearing snow from Louisville's roads is a priority for the City and we will continue to work hard, as we do each year, to keep Louisville's streets and sidewalks passable during snowy conditions. Our teams are made up of hard-working staff from our Operations, Parks and Golf Departments, who work through the night during winter storms and who take pride in delivering this service.

"As you may have read in the news or experienced firsthand in your own business, recruiting staff is proving to be a challenge at the moment. In addition to continued recruitment efforts, the City is looking at staffing resources across all departments and exploring options with external contractors."

LouisvilleCO.gov/Snowplowing

#### **PARADE OF LIGHTS - FRIDAY DECEMBER, 3**

Held on the first Friday in December from 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM, this Louisville holiday tradition has been a favorite for over thirty years!

The festivities begin with musical entertainment provided by local schools and churches, a living nativity, and visits with Santa. The main attraction, the Parade of Lights, starts at 7:00 PM. Organized by the Chamber of Commerce, the parade takes place on Main Street. All floats and entries must have lights.

Starting at 6 PM, the Historical Museum (1001 Main Street) will hand out free Holiday Treat Bags (while supplies last), courtesy of the Louisville History Foundation. See page 7 for details.

#### WINTERSKATE OUTDOOR ICE SKATING

Now in its 18th season in Louisville, WinterSkate outdoor ice skating at the Steinbaugh Pavilion (824 Front Street) features traditional holiday music, free parking, over 5,000 square feet of ice, and concessions.

This year's WinterSkate features all new ice skates, an ice resurfacer for smooth skating, and the option to purchase tickets online. Admission is \$10 for everyone age 4 and older and includes skate rental. Kids age 3 and under skate for free. WinterSkate is scheduled to open November 19 (weather permitting).

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/WinterSkate for opening hours and to purchase tickets online. Tickets can also be purchased in person.

#### FREE HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDES



Enjoy a festive ride around downtown with the Kodiak Ranch Clydesdales, compliments of the Louisville Downtown Business Association and their sponsors. Pickup is on Front Street across from WinterSkate. Carriage leaves approximately every 20 minutes. See website for hours: downtownlouisvilleco. com/carriage-rides Photo: José Fuentes

See page 8 for 122nd Audubon Christmas Bird Count.



#### **HOLIDAY SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION TIPS**

Some holiday safety tips from the Louisville Police Department's Crime Prevention Specialist Scott Moore.

#### **At Home**

Make sure all doors and windows have secondary locks (window pins, deadbolts, dowels, etc.) and use them.

Don't hide spare keys outside. Give a spare key to a trusted neighbor.

Ensure that dark areas and entrances have outdoor lights that are on after dark.

Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed so they do not conceal doors and windows. Overgrown foliage can provide a hiding place for criminals.

Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside.

Be sure to mail cards, checks or gift certificates from the Post Office or at a blue U.S. Postal Service collection box.

Lock your vehicle and remove all the valuables. Yes, even in your driveway.

#### **Package Delivery**

Set up notifications to track your packages.

Install a security camera.

Get your packages delivered to your office.

Require a Signature on Delivery.

Reschedule delivery or ask for a package hold when on vacation.

Try smart locks so you don't need keys to lock up.

Get a package guard.

Insure your packages.

Ask Your Neighbors to Grab Your Packages

#### **Leaving for the Holidays**

Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to watch your home.

Use timers for lights and radios while you're away.

Remember to make arrangements for mail and newspapers.

#### **After the Holidays**

Don't advertise expensive toys, electronics, or other gifts received by the boxes left for garbage collections.

Add new items to your home inventory. Take photos or video of all items of value in your home and list each item's make, model, serial number and other information.

See page 10 for Fire Safety Tips.

#### 'TIS THE SEASON TO THINK SUSTAINABLY

As much as many of us love the holiday season, the reality is that it can be the most wasteful time of the year. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's, Americans throw away 25% more trash than usual. As we celebrate the holidays, it pays to be mindful of sustainable consumption, and to recycle and compost what we can. Here are a few green holiday tips:

- **Buy fewer batteries:** Look for gifts that don't require batteries. If you must buy a product that needs batteries, buy rechargeable batteries and give them with the gift.
- Recycle your old lights: Holiday string lights can be recycled at the Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials (CHaRM) at 6400 Arapahoe Road, Boulder. Visit ecocycle.org/charm for fees, hours and directions to the CHaRM.
- Online shopping waste: Sending and receiving packages can create a lot of waste. Take your plastic packaging "pillows", plastic mailers (unlined or lined with bubble wrap), bubble wrap, and white packaging foam to CHaRM.
- Wrapping paper: Wrapping paper should not end up in your curbside recycling bin! Wrapping paper is a very low-grade material and normally considered a contaminant in the recycling bin because of its high clay and ink content and low fiber content.

For any questions regarding holiday recycling and composting, contact Katie Baum, Sustainability Coordinator, at KBaum@LouisvilleCO.gov or 303.335.4534.

#### CHRISTMAS TREE COMPOSTING

Residents participating in the city-wide solid waste program with Republic Services can dispose of Christmas trees free of charge on their usual compost day during the week of January 3 or the week of January 18. Trees need to be placed next to the compost bin and must be cut in half (each piece no more than 4 feet in length) and tied together with rope or twine. Trees can also be collected as a bulk item.

If you have any questions, contact Republic Customer Service 303.286.5400 (Monday-Friday 8 AM - 5 PM) or visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Republic and complete the website contact form.

The City's branch recycle site (open January 8-9, 2022) will also take Christmas trees from Louisville residents (proof of residency required).

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/LeafandBranch for details and directions.

#### **MEASURES FOR GREATER ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

City Council has adopted the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (2021 IECC) and made other updates to its Building and Zoning codes to promote the reduction of carbon emissions and a more sustainable community. The updated codes will require that newly constructed residential and commercial buildings have electric vehicle charging infrastructure, be built with greater energy efficiency and built either with all electric systems and appliances or with the ability to easily convert from natural gas to electric systems and appliances. In addition, all new residential construction will need to meet a net zero carbon emission standard. The new building code (Ordinance 1816, Series 2021) will help to create a future Louisville with more resilient homes and businesses.

Commenting, Louisville Mayor Ashley Stolzmann said:

"Climate action and sustainability are important to City Council and important to the people of Louisville. As a city, we are excited to take this next step forward in delivering building standards and construction that reflect these values. We are preparing for the future by making it easier for buildings to become fully electric, no longer relying on less environmentally-friendly gas-powered heat."

#### **Have Your Say on All-Electric Plans**

In addition to implementing the new ordinance passed by Council, the City is looking for community and business feedback on plans to explore the potential for all-electric new building requirements and the adoption of the 2021 IECC Appendix CC Zero Energy Commercial Building provisions in early 2022.

Commenting, Louisville Planning Director Rob Zuccaro said:

"We want to hear what residents, businesses, and the building community think about the potential for all-electric new building requirements, as well as net-zero provisions. There will be opportunities for in-person and online feedback events as well as online surveys. We hope to hear from as many voices as possible, and we look forward to engaging with the community on this important topic."

Sign up at LouisvilleCO.gov/EnergyCodeUpdate to stay informed on updates, outreach, and open houses.

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH UTILITY BILLS

Colorado recently received additional funds to help residents with water and energy bills through the new Low-income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) and the existing Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP). Call 1-866-432-8435 or visit cdhs.colorado.gov/leap for details.

#### LIFE IN LOUISVILLE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



The City's annual Life in Louisville Photography Contest is now open with new categories and some new rules. Students, amateur photographers, and professional photographers are invited to enter. All photos must be taken in Louisville in 2021. Awards will be given in several categories, including: Old Town and Historic Louisville; Nature and Landscapes; Sunrises and Sunsets; Community Events and People; Black and White; and Student (under age 18).

**The entry deadline is January 21, 2022.** Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/LifeinLouisville to share your photos and to see last year's winning images, including this photo from Joe Falace entitled, 'Stand Together for BLM'.

#### CITY UNVEILS NEW ART FOR COMMUNITY PARK



On Saturday, November 6, a small but enthusiastic group of art lovers gathered in Community Park for the official unveiling of "Sky" sculpture. Created by artist Robert Romero, the gently curving form of "Sky" is a lighthearted play on the shape of clouds. The changing colors of the sky and landscape were reflected in the sculpture's mirror finish during the unveiling.

Cody Qualls of Face Vocal Band performed for the unveiling, melding the "air" quality of singing with the "Sky" inspirations of Louisville's newest public art.

### LIBRARY & MUSEUM NEWS



#### THE LIBRARY ISN'T JUST FOR BOOKS!

The Library offers several non-traditional items available for use in the library or to check out. Did you know that you can check out a Cricut or sewing machine and then follow along with online classes and tutorials on CreativeBug?



Non-traditional items are available for a 3-week check out to Louisville and Superior residents with a Louisville Public Library card. In addition to a Cricut or sewing machine, you can also borrow:

- Canon Rebel T5 Digital Camera
- GoPro Camera
- Telescope
- Tripod
- SparkFun Inventor's Kit
- Power Check Meter
- Radon Gas Detector
- Thermal Leak Detector

Check out the full list of non-traditional items at LouisvilleCO.gov/SpecialCollection.

Library cardholders also have access to free online learning and research resources, including:

- The New York Times
- Mango Languages
- Consumer Reports
- HeritageQuest Online

Learn more about CreativeBug and other online resources available free with your library card at LouisvilleCO.gov/LearningResearch.

## PEARL HARBOR: THE DAY THAT LIVES IN INFAMY

On December 7 at 7 PM, the Library will host 'Pearl Harbor: The Day that Lives in Infamy' at the Superior Community Center. December 7, 1941 brought an attack upon the United States the likes of which had never been seen before. Join Active Minds on this 80th anniversary as we tell the story from both the Japanese and the U.S. perspective. We will cover not only how the Japanese planned and executed such a bold attack, but also how the U.S. could have been caught so completely unaware. We will also examine the impact this had on World War II and the American psyche. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Calendar to register.

#### **TEENS AT THE LIBRARY**

Do you have teens looking for after school activities or wanting to get involved at the Library? The Library offers monthly teen activities and fun ways to volunteer.

#### **Monthly Programs**

1st Tuesday, 4-5 PM: Teen Gaming

2nd Thursday, 4-5:30 PM: Snark Attack

3rd Tuesday, 4-5 PM: Anime Club

4th Thursday, 4-5:30 PM: Teen Creations

#### **Volunteering Opportunities for Teens**

There are lots of personal benefits of volunteering and finding ways to contribute to your community. For teens, it's great for increasing self-esteem and confidence, making new friends and professional connections, discovering new interests, exploring social and political issues, building up college applications, and adding valuable items to a resume. Teens can get involved with:

- Teen Volunteer Council
- Review Crew
- Tutoring
- Reading Buddies
- Summer Squad

Learn more at LouisvilleCO.gov/TeenGetInvolved.

#### **LOOKING FOR YOUR NEXT GREAT READ?**

#### We Browse for You

There are so many great books out there that it can be hard to pick your next great read. Let the Librarians help you out through the We Browse For Your service. Answer a few questions through the online form and you'll receive an email with customized suggestions. This service is available for kids and teens too. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/WeBrowseForYou to get started.

#### **NoveList and NoveList K-8**

Another great option available to library cardholders is Novelist, a reader's advisory resource for fiction, read-alikes, reviews, author bios, award winners, recommended reads, and more. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/LearningResearch to access the site.

#### **MUSEUM COURTYARD**

The Museum Courtyard is almost complete! The community will be invited to sit, enjoy, and play in this new outdoor space. The project was made possible by the Louisville History Foundation.



#### **LOUISVILLE TIMELINE**

The Museum's digital timeline highlights important moments in Louisville history from a local, state, and national perspective. There's so much to learn! The timeline themes connect to Museum resources and historic photos. The most wonderful part about this digital timeline is that it will change and update as Louisville changes. Louisville history is not static, and neither is its timeline! Find the timeline now on the Museum's website LouisvilleCO.gov/Museum.

## MEMORY SQUARE PARK: A LEGACY OF LAUGHTER & LEARNING

Have you ever wondered what education was like in town before Louisville joined the Boulder Valley School District? Read about it in the lead article of the newest Louisville Historian entitled "The Old Louisville Grade School: Memories at Memory Square." The Museum recently mailed the new issue to its members and has now made it available on the Museum's website. The grade school was located where Memory Square Park is today and served Louisville children between 1881 and 1964.

## A YEAR IN REVIEW: THE LOUISVILLE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Museum invites the community to be a part of Louisville's story through free tours, programs, and digital educational opportunities. The Museum studies and preserves Louisville history and continuously incorporates new perspectives and research into the wider Louisville story. In the last year, the Museum celebrated a 35-year milestone, acquired more historic photos and records of Louisville history, and shared history experiences with the community in meaningful ways. Learn more at Louisvilleco.gov/Museum/2021.

#### **HOLIDAY TREAT BAGS**

The Museum will give away free Holiday Treat Bags for children during the Parade of Lights on Friday, December 3, while supplies last. The treat bags will be available starting at 6 PM at the Museum, 1001 Main St. This continues the Louisville holiday tradition of handing out sacks of treats to children. For decades, from the 1920s to the 1980s, Louisville community organizations sponsored these sacks that typically each contained an orange, nuts in the shell, and pieces of ribbon candy. For many Louisville children, receiving these treat sacks was a large part of their holiday experience. During the Depression, the sacks were even the main gifts for children in some families. We thank the Louisville History Foundation for sponsoring the treat bags again this year and for continuing the tradition.



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Facebook, Instagram & YouTube

#### **Coal Creek Golf Course**

Facebook, YouTube, Instagram & Twitter

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### PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE NEWS



#### **RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER**

If you haven't been to the Louisville Recreation & Senior Center in a while you should stop in and check out all the great things it has to offer! There are classes and services to promote healthy living and active aging for people of all ages in the community. Whether you are looking to exercise or socialize, learn or play, live well or age well, we have something for everybody! Come start off the new year with us.

#### **Preschool Program at the Louisville Recreation Center - Registration begins in January for the** 2022-2023 school year (children age 3-5 by 9/30/22)

Looking for a part-time preschool program that is educational, fun and nurturing? This three day a week, state-licensed program is designed to meet the academic, social and physical needs of young children by providing a stimulating, safe and healthy environment. The classrooms offer floor to ceiling windows with views of the Front Range as well as unique outdoor learning spaces. The program offers a real community feel as well as expanded program options being based in the center.

Morning and afternoon classes are offered on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Preschool for more information.

#### **Sweetheart Dance**

Saturday, February 12 from 4 PM-5 PM Ages 3-8 | \$12 per person

This magical event is filled with dancing, crafts, light refreshments, and many smiles. Formal to semi-formal attire is encouraged. All adults and children in attendance must register.

Visit LouisvilleRecreation.com to register (Registration code 12021).

#### **Youth and Adult Sports**

The Louisville Recreation & Senior Center will be offering the following sports in December, January and February:

- Youth Basketball
- Youth and Adult Indoor Soccer
- Indoor Bocce, Pickleball and Table Tennis

Basketball Gym and Turf Gym rentals are also available for team practices, birthday parties, and special events. For more information please see the catalog from the Louisville Recreation Center.

Visit **LouisvilleRecreation.com** to find information about facilities, programs, and schedules.

#### **UPCOMING SENIOR PROGRAMS**

#### **Senior Services Holiday Luncheon** Thursday, December 16 | 12 PM-1 PM

Let's celebrate the holidays this year at our holiday luncheon! Both dine-in or grab-n-go options are available. We will provide the main meal of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetable, cranberry 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 for people ages 60+; for people who are 59 years old & younger the cost is \$12. Please register by 1:30 PM the day before, to ensure we order enough food. Visit LouisvilleRecreation.com to register (Registration code 38043).

#### Senior Services Burning love, an Elvis Themed **Valentine Event**

Monday, February 14 | 6:15 PM-7:30 PM

Join us for a Valentine's event to remember with entertainment by Shelvis and the Roustabouts, a world-famous female Elvis impersonator and her energetic Rockabilly/Americana band. Lori "Shelvis" Muha is an entertainment powerhouse who captures the audience with her amazing vocals and high-energy performances . Focusing on the music of Elvis, Buddy Holly, Johnny Cash and other Rockabilly pioneers, her and her band of Roustabouts transport the audience to a time when rock was born. Fee of \$9R/\$11NR includes refreshments, appetizers, desserts, and the show. Visit LouisvilleRecreation.com to register (Registration code 18042).

#### **Volunteers Needed for Snowbusters**

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.

Interested? Contact Katie Tofte by email at KTofte@LouisvilleCO.gov.

#### 2021 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Sunday, December 19, 2021 | 8:00 AM-10:00 AM

At Harper Lake Open Space

Join Open Space staff for a walk on Harper Lake and Davidson Mesa Open Spaces to learn about local birds and contribute to the 122nd annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count, the nation's longest-running citizen science project.

Space is limited so please register at bit.ly/LouisvilleOpenSpaceEducationEvents.

#### **DAVIDSON MESA TRAIL RESURFACING PROJECT**

The trails on Davidson Mesa Open Space are getting resurfaced! Davidson Mesa Open Space is the largest Open Space property in Louisville and consists of 264.14 acres of land and 3.6 of crusher fine trails. The City has been managing this land as Open Space since the 1980s, and the last trail resurfacing work took place over a decade ago. Since then, significant wear has occurred due to heavy use and weathering. These trails are some of the most heavily used in Louisville, and every day hundreds of people use this area to run, walk their dogs, ride their bikes, cross country ski, bird watch, and more.

The project will repair, resurface, and replace 3.6 miles of existing crusher fine trail on Davidson Mesa Open Space. Trails are being renovated to meet their existing footprint and will include both 10.5' and 8' trails that will accommodate the City's multi-modal use policy and emergency vehicle access. Additionally, the .3 mile section of trail along the north side of the property, overlooking Boulder, which was initially 4' wide, will be officially widened to 8'.

The project is estimated to take place over the winter, with completion in the spring of 2022. During construction, sections of the trails will be closed. For project updates and trail closures please visit LouisvilleCO.gov.

#### **ARE YOU AN AWESOME HOOMAN?**

The awesome dogs of Louisville have been speaking up about how dog owners can be "Awesome Hoomans." Over the past few months, a few dogs have contributed to the campaign by posting their own signs around Louisville. If you see the signs and don't understand "woof," you can click on a QR code to watch a short video that translates the dog's message. Ranger Naturalists have been on the lookout for awesome dogs and their owners to reward them with custom dog bandanas, stickers, and other goodies. Want your own goodies? You can earn them by following these four simple rules:

- Always keep your dog on a leash that is 10ft or less.
- Pick up after your pet and dispose of the waste in a trash receptacle. Do not leave bags of waste on the trail.
- Walk your pet during cooler parts of the day. Hot pavement can burn your dog's paws.
- Never leave a dog unattended in a vehicle.

For more information visit LouisvilleCO.gov/AwesomeDog

#### **NEW PLAYGROUND AT COTTONWOOD PARK**

The City of Louisville is in the process of replacing the playground equipment at Cottonwood Park. The design selected during the public input process was "Traditional Nature Play" by the manufacturer PlayWorld. The new playground will include two play areas, one for ages 2-5 and another for ages 5-12, as well as multiple slides (including a tall one!), several swings, and many other fun pieces of equipment. The construction phase is scheduled to begin in the winter of 2021 with completion in the spring of 2022.

The City maintains 14 playgrounds, many of which were built 20-25 years ago. In 2017, the City began the process of renovating playgrounds to bring equipment up to date and meet current ADA standards. The first playground to be replaced was at Heritage Park in 2018, followed by Keith Helart and Elephant Park in 2020. Cottonwood Park is the fourth play structure to be replaced. Over the next several years, with City Council approval and budget availability, the City plans to continue replacing play structures around Louisville.

#### **BE SAFE AND STAY OFF THE ICE**

There are numerous creeks and seven ponds on Coal Creek, many of them 20 feet deep. It might be tempting to walk or play on the frozen water but the ice can easily break. You should NEVER to venture onto frozen water. Louisville Police will be called and if the violators are caught and, if under 18, their parents will receive a summons. Additionally, for your safety we do not allow non-golfers on the course at any time. This includes cross-country skiing, show shoeing, walking, running, cycling, dogs off leash and/or playing on the fairways. Please choose one of the multitude of open space trails within the City for these activities.

#### **GET THE BEST PRICES ON GOLF FOR 2022!**

Coal Creek Golf Course is an award-winning public golf course that offers an exceptional golf experience for players of all abilities. Coal Creek provides the option of a 5, 9, or 18-hole golf round, a complete practice facility, golf lessons, golf leagues, PGA Jr. youth summer camps, a full-service restaurant, and more. In addition, coal Creek offers annual season passes, which start at \$99 and provide extra savings to players, including discounts on green fees, cart fees, and merchandise, plus loyalty points to earn free golf and invitations to special events. Louisville residents receive discounts on both daily green fees and annual passes. Visit www.coalcreekgolf.com or call 303-666-7888 for more information.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/GetNotified to sign up for email newsletters from the Recreation & Senior Center and Coal Creek Golf Course.



#### **SUSTAINABILITY FILM SERIES**

Join us for this year's Sustainability Films Series, a free, virtual film series featuring four films covering topics such as plastic pollution, climate change, water conservation, and youth activism. After each screening, there will be a post-film discussion featuring a local expert on the topic of the film.

- December 16 Youth Unstoppable
- January 20 The Great Divide
- February 17 '2040'

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/SustainabilityFilms to secure your attendance. The screenings are virtual, but due to licensing, space is limited for each film.

#### **WATER TEAM WINS SUSTAINABILITY AWARD**

The City's Water Plant Team were named "Gold Leaders", the highest level for the Environmental Leader Program through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. This is a major milestone as many hours were dedicated to meeting the strict requirements of this achievement. The Water Plant Team, which was previously a Silver Partner, joins fellow Gold Leaders: Anheuser-Busch, Ball Aerospace, Frito Lay, IBM, Xcel Energy and many more.

The Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) is a statewide program that recognizes and awards organizations in Colorado that go beyond compliance with environmental regulations by advancing sustainability in Colorado.

#### **BUILDING PERMITS FOR BOILER & FURNACE**

Remember building permits are needed for hot water heater, boiler, A/C and furnace replacements. The Louisville Department of Building and Safety undertakes inspections to make sure these units are installed correctly, efficiencies are there, and health safety is addressed in the install to ensure you and your family does not get carbon monoxide poisoning and the system you paid for is what was installed. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/CSS to apply for permits and inspections online. For any questions about the online portal, call 303.335.4592.

#### **WARD MEETINGS**

Ward 1 - Caleb Dickinson & Chris Leh December - Date TBC Ward 2 - Deborah Fahey & Maxine Most December 11, 1 - 3 PM, Recreation & Senior Center Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Calendar to confirm meeting details before attending.

#### **HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY TIPS**

Some fire safety tips from the Louisville Fire Protection District.

Did you know that nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source?

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart:

- Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires. You can also take old lights to the Center of Hard to Recycle Materials (see page 4).
- Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry tree
  is dangerous because it can catch on fire easily.
  Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from
  heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree
  does not block exits.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.
- If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily. Christmas is the peak day for candle fires.

Visit www.usfa.fema.gov for more information and free fire-safety resources.



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Interested in joining our snowplowing crew? The City is currently offering a \$1000 one-time sign-on bonus for new Operations Technicians. If you'd like to join the City of Louisville's Operations Team as a Streets and Utilities Operations Technician I, II, or III, you can apply online at LouisvilleCO.gov/Jobs. These are full-time benefitted positions and include 100% City-paid CDL training and testing.

#### **Other Full Time Job Opportunities**

The City of Louisville offers a generous benefits package for all full time staff, which includes, medical, dental and life insurance as well as vision care, a retirement program, disability coverage, and more.

- Police Cadet
- Senior Planner
- Police Officer

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator
- **Benefits Analyst**
- Fleet Mechanic

#### **Part Time and Seasonal Positions**

The City is also looking to fill a number of part-time positions including lifeguards, fitness instructors, personal trainers, swim instructors, and golf ranger/starters. Both full time and part time positions include a membership to the Louisville Recreation & Senior Center.

Visit **LouisvilleCO.gov/Jobs** for a full list of available positions. Any questions, please contact Human Resources 303.335.4720.

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