

**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE MEMORANDUM  
#9-2023**

**DATE:** April 24, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

**THROUGH:** Heather Geyer, City Manager *hmg*  
Jason Loveland, Interim Deputy City Manager *AL2*

**FROM:** Amanda J. Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture *ajp*

**SUBJECT:** Parks, Recreation & Culture 2022 Year in Review & Annual Report

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**PURPOSE**

To provide an overview of the first full year of operation of the new Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center & Theatre, and present the annual report.

**BACKGROUND**

As the first full year of operation for the new recreation center, 2022 was a year of evolution and growth. Facilities and programming were enhanced and/or expanded as staff worked towards reaching the full potential of the new building.

Attached is the 2022 Parks, Recreation & Culture Annual Report (Attachment 2). During the meeting, staff will provide an overview of the document, including highlights from each division.

**BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial or time impacts to the City.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

This item is for informational purposes only.

**STAFF REFERENCE**

If Council Members have any questions, please contact Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture, at [apeterson@northglenn.org](mailto:apeterson@northglenn.org) or 303.450.8950.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Presentation
2. 2022 Parks, Recreation & Culture Annual Report

# REC CENTER, SENIOR CENTER & THEATRE

# FIRST YEAR OVERVIEW

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**Council Meeting**

*April 24, 2023*



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# RECREATION

- **Community Benefit**
- **Diversity and Inclusivity**
- **Quality**



# MEMBERS, ADMISSIONS, & RENTALS

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**250%** MORE DAILY VISITS

**26%** MORE MEMBERSHIP SALES

**58%** INCREASE IN REVENUE

**3,686** UNIQUE MEMBERS

**387** RENTALS

**\$87,787** IN RENTAL REVENUE

**14,930** RENTAL ATTENDEES

**12,969** FACILITY RESERVATIONS

**326,443** RESERVATION ATTENDEES



# THEATRE & CULTURE

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**915** NYT ACADEMY  
PARTICIPANTS  
**34** SEASONS OF THE  
MISSOULA CHILDREN'S  
THEATRE  
**54** CAST MEMBERS  
**331** ATTENDEES



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**35,464** TOTAL ATTENDEES  
**17,993** RENTAL ATTENDEES  
**17,471** NORTHGLENN  
ARTS ATTENDEES  
**100,000+** CULTURAL  
PATRONS



# ***THEATRE & CULTURE***

**CONT'D**



**33** YEARS OF THE  
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES  
**9** YEARS OF THE OUTDOOR MOVIE  
SERIES  
**6** LOCAL BANDS  
**1,280** ATTENDEES



# SENIOR CENTER



- **Programs and Events**
- **Fellowship and Resources**
- **Northglenn Senior Organization (NSO)**

**10** BOARD MEMBERS

**70** MEDICARE MONDAY ATTENDEES

**140** VETERANS DAY ATTENDEES

**5** DAYS A WEEK FITNESS CLASSES





# PARKS



**80+ TREES PLANTED**

**75% LESS PAINT NEEDED**

**3 NEW PIECES OF EQUIPMENT**

**2 NEW E-BIKES**

**5,375 PARK RANGER ENCOUNTERS**



# ***REVENUES & EXPENDITURES***

- **Revenues – increase from 2021 and exceeded projections**
- **Expenditures – within approved budget**



# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

## Contracts Awarded

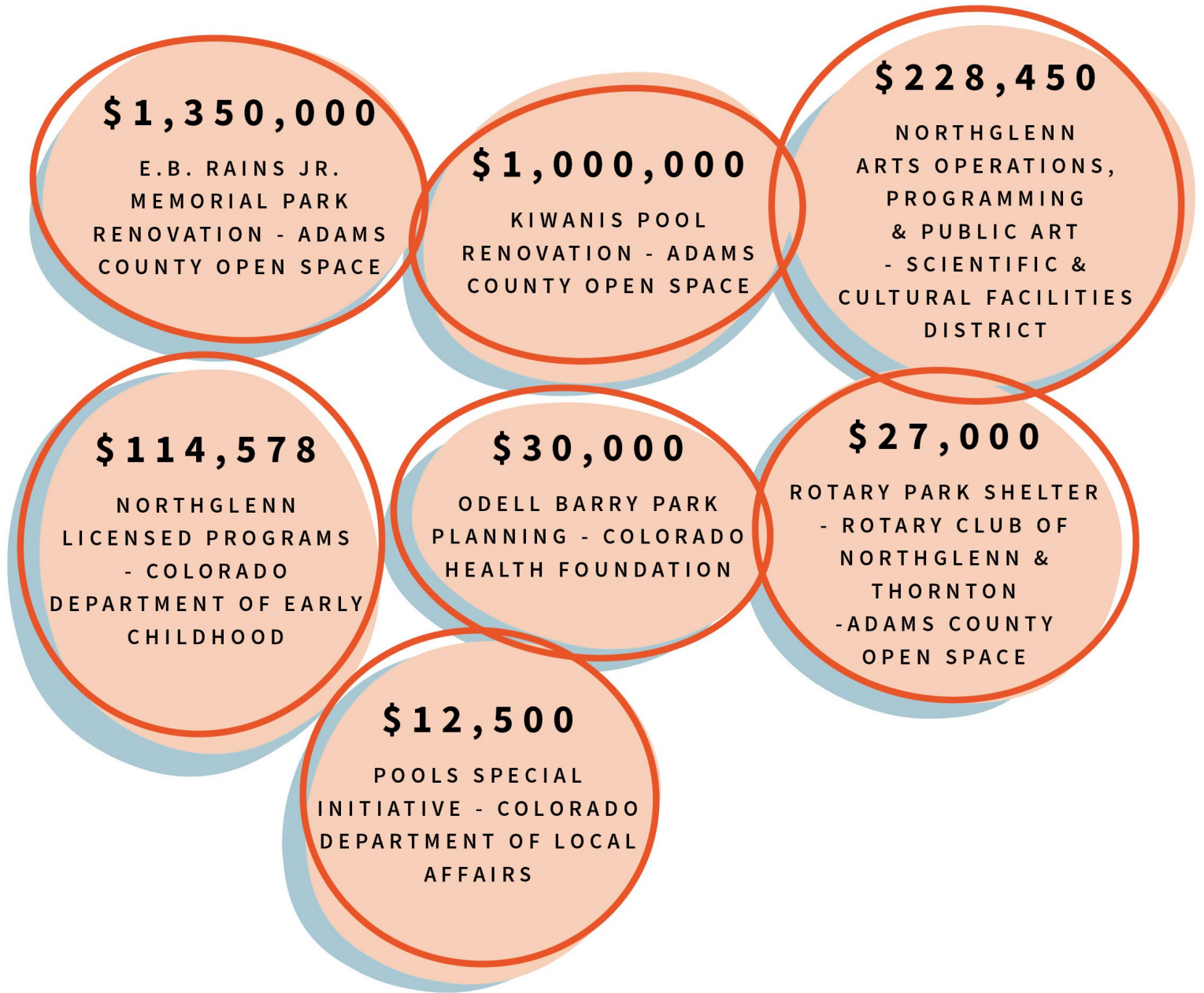
- Wyco\* and Danahy Park Sports Court Renovations Project
- Sensory Playground Renovations Project\*
- Jaycee Ballfield LED Lighting Project\*
- Northglenn Playbook: Long-Range Plan
- Kiwanis Pool Design Project\*

\*grant funded



# GRANTS

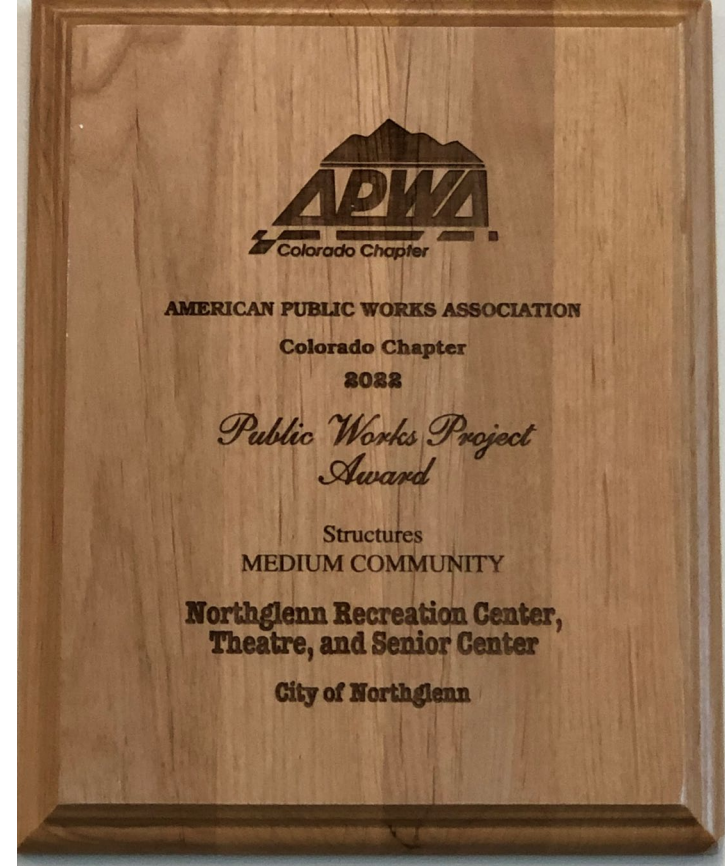
- **Total Received: \$2,762,528**



# AWARDS



**Cara Hockaday:**  
**PLAaY Professional of  
the Year**



**APWA Colorado Chapter:**  
**Structures**



# ***WHAT'S AHEAD***

- **Long-Range Plan**
- **Capital Improvements**
  - Fox Run playgrounds, Kiwanis Pool mechanical and decking, E.B. Rains, park shelters at Al Thomas Park and Rotary Park
- **Expanded Programming**
  - Universal preschool, youth & teen, fitness, pickleball, and more



# *QUESTIONS?*



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Northglenn

2022

DEPARTMENT OF  
**PARKS,  
RECREATION  
& CULTURE**

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# ANNUAL **REPORT**



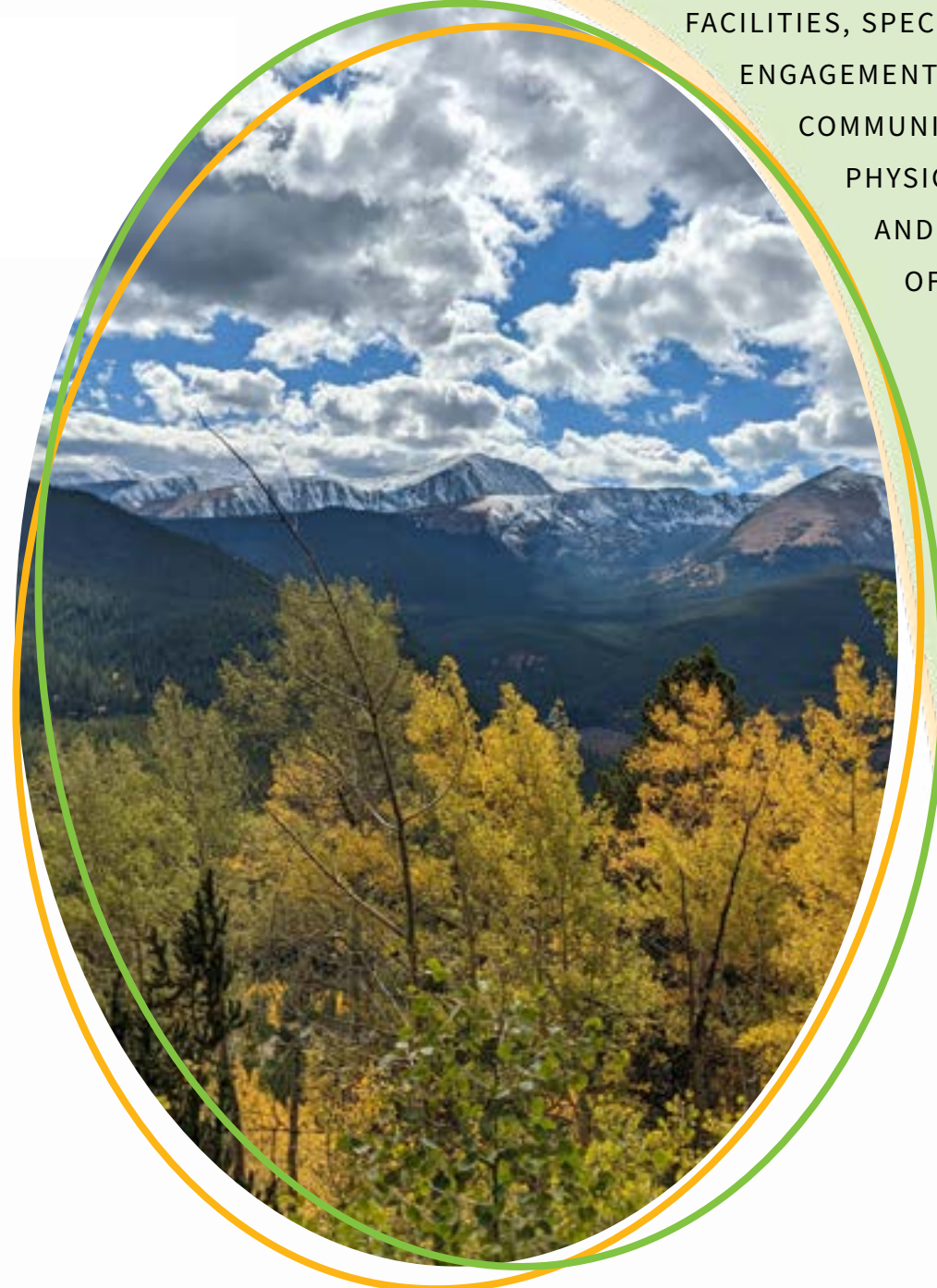




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## CITY OF NORTHGLENN'S MISSION STATEMENT

THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN'S DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DIVISION STRIVE TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY RECREATION PROGRAMS, PARKS, FACILITIES, SPECIAL EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO CREATE COMMUNITY INTERACTION, PROMOTE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS AND PARTICIPANTS.



## STAFF VALUES

- CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE
- INTEGRITY
- RESPECT
- INCLUSIVITY
- ACCOUNTABILITY
- JOY

# ELECTED OFFICIALS, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

## NORTHGLENN CITY COUNCIL

**MEREDITH LEIGHTY**  
MAYOR

**NICHOLAS WALKER**  
WARD 1

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WARD 1

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WARD 2

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WARD 2

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WARD 3

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WARD 4

## NORTHGLENN PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

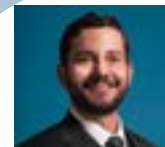
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PRESIDENT, WARD 1

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WARD 2

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WARD 3

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WARD 4

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Mayor



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Ward 2



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Ward 3



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Ward 3  
(resigned April 2022)



**Rich Kondo**  
Ward 3  
(appointed May 2022)



**Shannon Lukeman-Hiromasa**  
Ward 4



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Mayor Pro Tem  
Ward 4

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BOARD MEMBER

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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**KATE FISHER**  
STAFF LIASON



# PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE STAFF

## ADMINISTRATION

**AMANDA PETERSON**  
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**DOUG KEGERRIES**  
PARKS SUPERVISOR

**JESSE MESTROVIC**  
PARKS & RECREATION PROJECT MANAGER

**JUSTIN PERDUE**  
RECREATION MANAGER

**MICHAEL STRICKER**  
ARTS, CULTURE & COMMUNITY MANAGER

**ROB WEBBER**  
OPERATIONS MANAGER



## ARTS, CULTURE & COMMUNITY

**PATRICK BERGER**  
PRODUCTION MANAGER

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SENIOR COORDINATOR

**KIMBERLY JONGEJAN**  
CULTURAL PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

**EMILY ABERNATHY**  
SENIOR ASSISTANT

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PATRON EXPERIENCE COORDINATOR

**DAN MORI**  
THEATRE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

**MADDIE MORGAN**  
ASSISTANT TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

**TERRA MUELLER**  
MARKETING COORDINATOR

## PARKS

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PARK RANGER

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PARKS COORDINATOR

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PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER III

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PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER II

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PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER

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PARKS COORDINATOR

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PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER

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**RIVER KETCHEL**  
PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER

**NESTER PINO**  
PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER

**JOEL SZYMANSKI**  
SENIOR ARBORIST TECHNICIAN

## RECREATION

**BRIAN MAGNETT**  
RECREATION SUPERVISOR

**DEB LAWSON**  
RECREATION SUPERVISOR

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OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

**CARA HOCKADAY**  
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

**JUSTIN MAILLET**  
OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

**SHAYNA KURTZ**  
AQUATICS COORDINATOR

**ROMAN ORTEGA**  
SPORTS COORDINATOR

**KASSY RIGGLE**  
YOUTH & TEENS COORDINATOR

**SARAH SCHWALLIER**  
FITNESS COORDINATOR

**RACHEL SACCARDI**  
MARKETING ASSISTANT

# NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Residents,

2022 marked the first full year of operations for the new Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center and Theatre. I often say Parks, Recreation & Culture provides services that members of our community choose to participate in. There are countless ways people could spend their free time, but we had thousands of visitors who chose to spend that time seeing a show in the Parsons Theatre, playing in a sports league, participating in a fitness class, swimming in the lap pool or the leisure pool, walking on a trail, learning a new skill and much more. I am proud of the sense of community developed amongst participants and staff over the course of the year.

In 2021, the city adopted new core values. I was able to see our staff live the values of customer service excellence, integrity, respect, inclusivity, accountability and joy every day they came to work. Whether it be greeting regular visitors by name at the guest services desk, learning sign language to communicate with a performance group, helping a senior center participant navigate Medicare resources or enjoying the company of coworkers, these values are at the forefront of what I see our staff do each and every day.

There were many opportunities to celebrate this year. The new facility was recognized by the American Public Works Association for “Best Structure,” and our Recreation Coordinator for Children’s Programs received the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association’s Preschool Licensing Activities and Youth (PLAaY) Section Professional of the year. As a department, revenues were ahead of the projection for the year, while expenditures were in alignment with the adopted budget.

As you look through the pages that follow, I think you will agree that 2022 was a wonderful year. I hope the photographs show that our story is one of joy, compassion, dedication and continued growth. Thank you to our participants, volunteers, and staff for being a part of our Parks, Recreation & Culture community.

Sincerely,

Amanda J. Peterson  
Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture

# GRANTS & AWARDS

## CARA HOCKADAY

COLORADO PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION PLAaY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

## BEST STRUCTURE

AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION (COLORADO CHAPTER) - NORTHGLENN RECREATION CENTER, SENIOR CENTER & THEATRE

**\$1,350,000**

E.B. RAINS JR. MEMORIAL PARK RENOVATION - ADAMS COUNTY OPEN SPACE

**\$1,000,000**

KIWANIS POOL RENOVATION - ADAMS COUNTY OPEN SPACE

**\$228,450**

NORTHGLENN ARTS OPERATIONS, PROGRAMMING & PUBLIC ART - SCIENTIFIC & CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT

**\$114,578**

NORTHGLENN LICENSED PROGRAMS - COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

**\$30,000**

ODELL BARRY PARK PLANNING - COLORADO HEALTH FOUNDATION

**\$27,000**

ROTARY PARK SHELTER - ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHGLENN & THORNTON - ADAMS COUNTY OPEN SPACE

**\$12,500**

POOLS SPECIAL INITIATIVE - COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS

## 2021 EXPENDITURES & REVENUE

PARKS	2021 EXPENDITURES	2021 REVENUE
ADMINISTRATION	\$419,435.50	\$94,743.90
MAINTENANCE	\$683,127.35	N/A
FORESTRY	\$333,695.49	N/A
HORTICULTURE	\$183,078.94	N/A
RIGHT OF WAY	\$162,152.15	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,781,489.43</b>	<b>\$94,743.90</b>

RECREATION & CULTURE	2021 EXPENDITURES	2021 REVENUE
ADMINISTRATION	\$853,610.77	N/A
RECREATION CENTER	\$484,323.95	\$83,088.77
AQUATICS	\$542,627.33	\$163,831.97
CHILDREN'S	\$283,441.02	\$81,317.24
YOUTH & TEEN	\$149.50	\$108.00
FITNESS	\$72,116.77	\$39,707.00
SPECIAL INTEREST	\$2,052.30	\$5,197.85
SPORTS	\$142,966.38	\$95,244.01
SENIORS	\$163,124.18	\$312.99
THEATRE	\$389,462.02	\$137,889.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,933,874.22</b>	<b>\$606,667.32</b>

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE	2021 EXPENDITURES	2021 REVENUE
PARKS	\$1,781,489.43	\$94,743.90
RECREATION & CULTURE	\$2,933,874.22	\$606,667.32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,715,363.65</b>	<b>\$701,421.22</b>

## 2022 EXPENDITURES & REVENUE

PARKS	2022 EXPENDITURES	2022 REVENUE
ADMINISTRATION	\$932,942.62	\$84,868.80
MAINTENANCE	\$1,019,536.03	N/A
FORESTRY	\$269,592.39	N/A
HORTICULTURE	\$264,042.30	N/A
RIGHT OF WAY	\$165,775.39	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,651,888.73</b>	<b>\$84,868.80</b>

RECREATION & CULTURE	2022 EXPENDITURES	2022 REVENUE
ADMINISTRATION	\$1,073,433.82	N/A
RECREATION CENTER	\$860,689.85	\$375,646.27
AQUATICS	\$787,551.72	\$192,886.95
CHILDREN'S	\$292,580.36	\$163,091.00
YOUTH & TEEN	\$29,334.56	\$9,723.00
FITNESS	\$143,136.27	\$78,075.37
SPECIAL INTEREST	\$5,473.35	\$10,687.00
SPORTS	\$252,155.88	\$175,817.20
SENIORS	\$227,812.99	\$353.00
THEATRE	\$693,349.07	\$366,144.88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,365,517.87</b>	<b>\$1,372,424.67</b>

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE	2022 EXPENDITURES	2022 REVENUE
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RECREATION & CULTURE	\$4,365,517.87	\$1,372,424.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,017,406.60</b>	<b>\$1,457,293.47</b>

# PARKS OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

## OVERVIEW

The City of Northglenn strives to enhance the quality of life and overall health and wellness of residents, regional community members, and anyone else seeking to utilize community parks through innovative and diversified park maintenance strategies. The parks and open space areas continued to see an increased demand in use for all outdoor recreation purposes.

The Parks Division was thankful to see three new pieces of equipment approved by council to help with the efficiencies of maintenance. The first was a device that fertilizes and sprays herbicide within all our turf park spaces. These operations can now be accomplished by one individual where the old equipment needed two people. The second was a ride-on aerator/ seeder that allows staff to maneuver in tighter spaces, allowing them to reach 100% of all areas. The seeder option on the unit now makes it capable of overseeding at the same time as aeration. The third is the robot field painter. One staff member can now complete the major jobs of mowing and painting at the same time. With the possibility of staff shortages every year, this has become a very valuable asset to our team.



## IMPROVEMENTS



Staff continues to try and mitigate the number of geese droppings they deal with daily. Fortunately, the city has found a humane, minimally invasive solution. Four “Geese Away” buoys have been placed in Webster Lake. The solar-powered amber lights flash every two seconds from dusk to dawn at eye level of the geese, so they can’t get a good night’s sleep. Eventually, the geese will find a new place to spend the night. Although highly annoying, the lights are not harmful to the geese and not disruptive to other wildlife. Since the installation, staff has seen a decrease at the park, leaving them with a more manageable number.

The Wavy Walk at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park was activated in a fun and creative way by staff and is now a Traffic Playground, complete with signs, traffic lines, traffic stencils and even a working traffic light. City staff used supplies already on hand. The “smallest” of users are now able to enjoy this area by taking their scooter, skateboard or bike to learn what different traffic signs and signals mean. Due to the delay in the playground renovation, staff wanted to do something special to engage the park. The various crews deserve a shoutout and thank you: “the streets crew” - did the painting of the lines and the traffic stencils, “the sign shop” - made the signs, “the parks division” - spruced up the landscaping, installed the sign posts, and ordered the sign blanks, “the traffic light crew” - installed a working street light (90% scrap parts), and “the facilities and maintenance crews” - wired and timed up the traffic light. This was a great team effort that enhanced the beloved park.

A major emphasis in 2022 was to design and begin the implementation process of landscape refreshing in numerous areas. Staff began a very large part of the revitalization of East 122nd Avenue by removing all the old landscaping material and adding material that will make for a more efficient way to maintain the area. Weed barrier was added with new larger rock that will help with weed mitigation and cleaner planters. Staff will begin to replant the area in the spring of 2023 to add better visual aesthetics along this corridor.

Staff worked diligently on making much needed improvements to the Bill Goodspeed Happy Tails Dog Park. They designed and constructed four additional shade structures with accompanying benches on the site, providing users both human and animal a way to cool off on hot days. Benches were also installed under each structure. Five pieces of dog agility equipment were added to the park for training and exercise purposes.



### FORESTRY

The Forestry Division had another outstanding planting season. Staff secured funding from grants and the Northglenn Community Foundation to help improve our right of way and native landscape areas. Over 80 trees were planted along three sections of Greenway Trail throughout the city providing multiple benefits to each area.

With the funding, staff selected species suited for our region that can withstand drought, heavy snow loads, heavy rainfalls and human interactions. These trees were planted in locations that will avoid interference with our waterways, but still provide habitat and shelter to the animal species that live in the area. The trees will also solidify the soil in these areas and help with runoff issues and topsoil loss. They will also help with extreme heat in these areas, allowing new microclimates to develop and reforesting open spaces.



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### SPORTS FIELDS

The sports fields crew did an exceptional job of maintaining a safe and enjoyable product for all users with the high demand of use that is continually seen every season. The laser grading program continued and was able to complete the three-year process with Jaycee Ballfield and Rotary Park Ballfield. With the completion of the laser grading program for last two fields, the rotation will start again with the first two fields in 2023 to ensure there are top tier playing surfaces for our user groups.

The biggest addition for the sports field crew was the purchase of the new autonomous robot field painter. Not only does it free up staff to complete other tasks, it uses 75% less paint than the sprayer used previously. A tablet with hundreds of pre-programmed fields from which to choose was provided along with the robot painter. Having the ability to reorient fields with the push of a button is one of the biggest time savers related to operation. The ability to modify and create any dimensions of field size needed by the user-friendly program application provided is a great asset.



**PARK RANGER**

The Park Ranger Team within the Parks Division was new to the City of Northglenn in 2022. As the number and interests of our park users increase, the need for developing education and local stewardship is a must. It is desired for park patrons to recognize that city parks and open spaces are a true urban wilderness. There are entire ecosystems that can be explored, engaged in, and protected right here in Northglenn.

Since implementing a full-time park ranger in March of 2022, it has been full speed ahead producing interpretive programming that develops environmental stewardship, inclusivity and awareness in practical, tangible and effective means. Programs have been developed and geared to elementary-aged children (both from local school groups and the Summer Day Camp program) on a variety of topics from water quality to nature journaling. Park Ranger Karen Keeney has presented for non-profit organizations, conducted a Leave No Trace session for the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association conference in the fall, and co-authored a grant proposal for wayfinding signage along our trail system. The installation of the city's first regularly changing self-guided walking tour at both E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park and Croke Reservoir were added, providing the ability to stroll at one's own pace and learn more about features, wildlife, plants, ecosystems and so much more. QR code capabilities were also added for a more interactive experience, providing sounds of the animals depicted. The informational and educational content will change seasonally throughout the year. The Park Ranger Team has partnered with other governmental agencies and non-profit organizations to bring more environmental stewardship and awareness, such as additional programming that was offered during the fall. This includes a live animal encounter for E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park, a birding tour at Croke Reservoir, and a star-gazing event at Northwest Open Space.





**PARK RANGER CON'T**

Beyond programming, it is intended for all users in our parks, open space and trails to have enjoyable, engaging and safe experiences. Therefore, an enforcement presence is a part of the ranger role. However, as stewardship grows the need for enforcement should diminish. The Park Ranger Team’s approach is to lead with grace and develop rapport and relationships. Taking time to develop these community relationships helps the city move towards ownership of natural spaces – changing the lens from “the park” to “my park.”

Traditionally, the city has hired two seasonal park rangers to provide a staff presence and support park users. Rangers have been stationed at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park and some of the high-use park areas in the vicinity during the busy summer season. The seasonal rangers have typically performed their duties by foot patrol or by gas-powered utility terrain vehicle, when available. This year, the Parks Department purchased two e-bikes for ranger use. An e-bike is environmentally-friendly, similar to a normal bicycle. It does not produce harmful emissions into the atmosphere. On average, the e-bikes have a 35+ mile range when fully charged and can reach up to 20 mph by electric throttle. These bikes will give the ability of our rangers to patrol park areas of the city that have generally not been patrolled on a regular basis.

The park ranger and the two supporting seasonal park rangers had 5,375 total number of daily encounters for 2022 beginning in April.



**COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

The Parks Division continues to play an integral part of all community events within the city by assisting in the preparation and staffing of each event. All the large events and some new ones came back online this year. There were also the smaller events created in 2021 due to COVID that required a different type of assistance and time from parks staff. The parks staff is grateful to be able to assist and make these events enjoyable and memorable for all attendees.

The Parks Division is always grateful for all the volunteer support provided by different agencies throughout each season to assist on both large and small projects. A significant increase of volunteerism from the 2021 pandemic year was recognized. These volunteers are greatly appreciated, especially when it comes to helping keep large-scale projects on time and under budget.

# RECREATION PROGRAMS

## YEAR IN REVIEW

### OVERVIEW

Recreation can be defined as “activity of leisure, leisure being discretionary time.” As the definition indicates, people choose whether or not to participate in recreational programs and services they deem of interest or benefit. Knowing that, the passionate recreation staff strive to provide high quality facilities, programs, and services because such offerings can have an immensely positive impact on a community’s health and overall quality of life.

With 2022 being the first full year of operation for the Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center, and Theatre, learning continued. Additionally, the year was also one of evolution and growth as staff looked to strategically expand programming, attract more facility users, and reach an increasing number of people in the community.



### RECREATION PERSONNEL

There was some ebb and flow to recreation staffing levels over the course of the year. A variety of new part-time staff were hired and onboarded to include fitness instructors, lifeguards, and guest services staff. Seasonal staff were also brought on for the summer and served the division well as they helped run Kiwanis Pool, aquatics programs, day camp, and teen programs. Two recreation coordinators and one recreation assistant were hired in 2022. Kassy Riggle was hired as the Youth & Teens Coordinator in March. The Aquatics Coordinator position was filled by Shayna Kurtz just in time for summer to begin after a longer-tenured staff member departed to pursue a new opportunity. Additionally, a Marketing Assistant, Rachel Saccardi, was brought on board in October and immediately began aiding in marketing and promoting recreation facilities, services, and programs.

## RECREATION PROGRAMS YEAR IN REVIEW

### AWARDS

The Recreation Coordinator for Children's Programs, Cara Hockaday, was awarded the Colorado Parks & Recreation Association's Professional of the Year for the Preschool Licensing Activities and Youth (PLAaY) Section. Cara's recognition is a testament to her hard work and dedication to not only the profession as a whole, but specifically to the programs and services she coordinates for Northglenn.

The Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center, and Theatre also received an award through the Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association in 2022, being named the Best Structure in a medium-sized community.

### INFORMAL RECREATION & FACILITY OPERATIONS

Informal recreation activities are a vital piece of what the Recreation Division provides. Such activities are self-directed and either unstructured or loosely structured with the core motivation being participation and individual development. The benefits one reaps from participating in informal recreation activities can be quite similar to those of formalized recreation. As a result, emphasis is placed on the provision of informal recreation activities such as swimming, basketball, pickleball, volleyball, weightlifting, running, jogging, walking, and more. It is a goal to provide as much value to facility users as possible and informal recreation is one of the primary ways in which that is done.



### MEMBERSHIPS & DAILY ADMISSIONS

The Recreation Center is only increasing in utilization and popularity. The value of membership and admittance to the facility is of paramount importance and staff place great emphasis on service, striving to provide and foster a welcoming and positive experience for each member and guest.

Daily visits from members and guests are 2 ½ times greater than that of 2021. Membership sales increased by 26% in the number of actual sales and 58% in revenue. Further, the total number of unique members increased by 50% from the previous year, resulting in 6,386 members throughout 2022.



- 250% MORE DAILY VISTS**
- 26% MORE MEMBERSHIP SALES**
- 58% INCREASE IN REVENUE**
- 3,686 UNIQUE MEMBERS**
- 387 RENTALS**
- \$87,787 IN RENTAL REVENUE**
- 14,930 RENTAL ATTENDEES**
- 12,969 FACILITY RESERVATIONS**
- 326,443 RESERVATION ATTENDEES**



### FACILITY RENTALS & RESERVATIONS

Interest in utilizing the Recreation Center as a host site for events, meetings, socials, birthdays, conferences, trainings, banquets, wedding receptions, quinceañeras, and other events continues to grow. The spaces within the facility are conducive to a variety of uses and remain affordable. Staff respond to constant inquiries which is demonstrated through the utilization. In the facility's first full year of operation, there were 387 rentals, which resulted in 14,930 people attending and \$87,787 in revenue. Outside of facility rentals, Recreation Center spaces are highly utilized for internal programming and events by the city. In aggregate, there were 12,969 facility reservations with approximately 326,443 people attending.

# RECREATION PROGRAMS YEAR IN REVIEW

## AQUATICS OVERVIEW

Swimming is one of the most popular recreational activities in the nation. It is fun for people of all ages. It can also be a great way to socialize and engage with other community members, maintain or improve one's health, relieve stress, and more. The Recreation Division recognizes all of that and does its best to offer something for everyone by providing a multitude of options to include open swim, lap swim, swim lessons, swim team, aqua fitness, and special events.

## FUSION SWIM CLUB

The Northglenn Fusion Swim Club, part of USA Swimming, remains popular and served a total of 217 unique individuals ages 6 to 18. The program focuses on promoting a healthy, active lifestyle while learning the values of sportsmanship and competition.



## SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons were offered throughout the year and filled up quickly. Evening swim lesson options were reintroduced in the latter part of the year and were also well-received. It proved challenging to recruit an adequate number of swim instructors, but it remains a goal to hire and onboard additional instructors. If that can be accomplished, private swim lessons will be offered once again.



# **217 FUSION MEMBERS**  
**10,814 PEDAL BOAT RESERVATIONS**  
**\$31,602 IN PEDAL BOAT REVENUE**

## KIWANIS POOL

Kiwanis Pool continues to serve as a nice reprieve for community members during the hot summer months. Several options are offered throughout the season to include open swim, pool parties, family nights, and the end of the season event, Dog Daze, where community members can bring their canine friends for a fun swim just before the facility closes.



## PEDAL BOATS

Pedal boat rentals were once again offered as a service to the community where people can rent a pedal boat for either thirty minutes or one hour and navigate around Webster Lake at their leisure. The service is provided between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend. It remains quite popular with 10,814 reservations and \$31,602 generated in revenue. Over half of the usage and revenue came during the months of June and July.

AQUATICS

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## RECREATION PROGRAMS YEAR IN REVIEW

### FITNESS & WELLNESS OVERVIEW

Fitness and wellness is integral to Northglenn's recreation offerings. The programs, services, and other offerings not only promote healthy lifestyles and behaviors, but also provide the community with an affordable option to improve or maintain their overall health. Services have included group fitness, personal training, massage, wellness education, and more.



### GROUP FITNESS

Over the course of the last year, group fitness offerings have significantly evolved. The class schedule has been redesigned with days and times changing along with a variety of formats added such as Sound Bath, which helps participants focus on both their mind and body. Les Mills BODYPUMP™ is another new offering. BODYPUMP™ is a barbell class designed for participants to get a total body workout, improving their muscular strength and endurance. Senior-focused classes continue to thrive, as well.

### PERSONAL TRAINING

Personal training was formally reintroduced in 2022. However, recruitment of new personal trainers has proven to be quite challenging. Due to the limited number of trainers on board, there are numerous people waiting to receive personal training services.



### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

When children are young, they are learning sponges. Every new experience, every new word, every behavior they adopt, is an investment into their future. Children who receive early childhood education are more likely to graduate from high school, as well as pursue higher education. The Recreation Division recognizes there is a community need for such programs and, in turn, provides several affordable early childhood programs and events to include the preschool and Summer Day Camp, along with a few other options throughout the year.



### PRESCHOOL

The preschool program serves children ages 3-5 and takes place each weekday morning, Monday through Friday, throughout the standard school year. The program is licensed through the State of Colorado and utilizes developmentally appropriate practices in a play-based setting. Curricula help children in the areas of math, music, art, literacy, science, motor skills, and social skills. Enrollment in preschool fluctuated a bit throughout 2022, but attendance averaged around 23 children each day.

The quality of the preschool program matters and staff continue to strive for it to be a destination preschool program. With that, staff have been going through a rating process through Colorado Shines, an extension of the Colorado Department of Early Childhood. Receiving a rating through Colorado Shines is a symbol of quality and can reassure parents and guardians that the program is first-rate. It also demonstrates an ongoing commitment to maintaining that quality. The process began in late 2022 and a rating should be issued by the end of the first quarter of 2023.

## RECREATION PROGRAMS YEAR IN REVIEW

### SUMMER DAY CAMP

Summer Day Camp remained extremely popular in 2022 with the program at or near its capacity of 60 campers per day throughout the entire season. Camp continues to serve youth ages 6-11 and offers a fun and safe full day child care option for parents and guardians. The program is theme-based and places an emphasis on being outdoors, utilizing the beautiful E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park whenever possible. Activities for campers include swimming, basketball, games, riding in pedal boats, and weekly field trips to places such as Skate City, Adventure Golf, Boondocks, and more.

### NEW CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Two new children's programs were introduced in December 2022 - Adult Night Out and Pint-Sized New Year's Party. Adult Night Out was an opportunity for parents or guardians to drop off children ages 3-10 for a few hours between 5pm-8pm and go run errands, eat dinner, or even get some quiet time. Pint-Sized New Year's Party was a time when families could come together as a family and celebrate the New Year. It took place during daytime hours from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and involved games, dancing, a "noon-year" countdown, and more. Even with it being the first time for each program, they were successful in drawing 11 participants for Adult Night Out and 25 participants for the Pint-Sized New Year's Party.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



### TEENS OVERVIEW

Teen and pre-teen programs were reintroduced this past year. The summer programs, Roving Recreation on the Road and Fun in the Park, experienced moderate success. Several programs were offered during the fall season and had mixed results. This included a recurring drop-in program, Club Rec, a series of adventure trips, and a variety of one-day events. Despite there being challenges in effectively reaching the teen and pre-teen population, staff remain committed to offering viable programs for the teen population.

### YOUTH COMMISSION

The Youth Commission once again played an active role in the community, focusing on a number of projects and initiatives while advising City Council when appropriate. The Youth Commission assisted the Tri-County Health Department in working towards making healthy beverages the primary option in local restaurants; supported the Crisis Response Unit as the unit provided resources to people experiencing homelessness; advocated for diversity, equity, and inclusion in conjunction with the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board; and volunteered their services by planting flower beds at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park and ran a cookie decorating booth at Safe Street Halloween.

TEENS



# RECREATION PROGRAMS YEAR IN REVIEW

## SPORTS & FIELD RENTALS OVERVIEW

Playing sports is beneficial for both physical and mental health. It helps keep the body and mind active and engaged, promotes a healthy lifestyle, improves heart function, reduces the risk of numerous diseases, improves sleep quality, decreases stress, and teaches skills that transfer into all facets of life such as teamwork, camaraderie, and more. Northglenn offers a wide array of sports programs and events for both youth and adults.

### YOUTH SPORTS

A wide range of youth recreational and developmental sports were offered to the community throughout the past year. Programs included basketball, volleyball, track, soccer, baseball, softball, t-ball, wiffleball, and tennis. Sports offerings varied by season with some taking place outdoors and some indoors. Additionally, ongoing partnerships continued such as our youth basketball program's affiliation and partnership with the Denver Nuggets.



50 MUDAPALOOZA TEAMS

32 PADDLE & RUN PARTICIPANTS

20 WIFFLEBALL TEAMS



### ADULT SPORTS

Adult sports leagues and events saw increased participation in 2022 when compared to the previous year. Basketball leagues filled each season. Softball leagues experienced moderate enrollment. The historically successful mud volleyball event, Mudapalooza, made a strong return with 50 teams registering. The Paddle & Run event was successful with 32 participants. Additionally, the Adult Wiffleball Tournament had 20 teams participate.



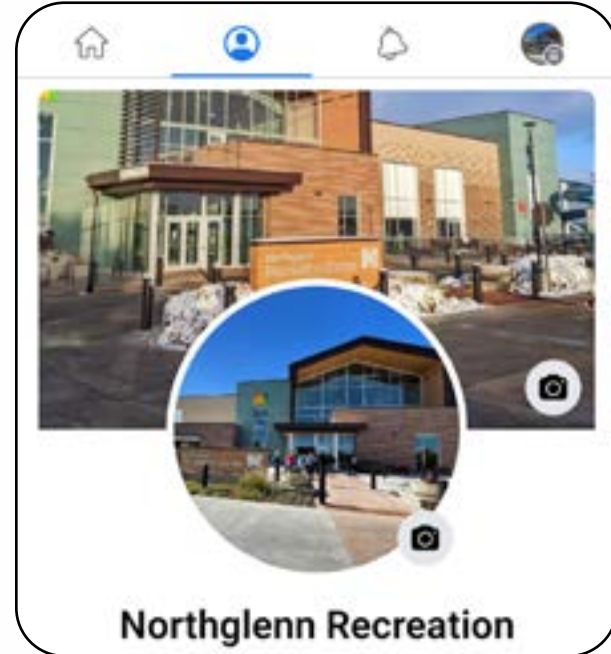
### FIELD RENTALS

The sports fields at Northwest Open Space, Danahy Park, Jaycee Park, Malley Park, and Rotary Park have continued to be in high demand throughout 2022. Internal use remains a priority, but a large number of user groups rely on the fields as they provide numerous sports programs and events to the local community. Groups include Adams 12 Five Star Schools, the Metro Denver Women's Soccer Club, Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club, Marauders Rugby Football Club, North Metro Little League, Northern Youth Football Association, Here to Play, Triple Crown Sports, and more. When utilization is combined, the sports fields served over an estimated one million users.

# RECREATION PROGRAMS YEAR IN REVIEW

## MARKETING & FEEDBACK

Marketing was a significant focus area for the Recreation Division in 2022. Efforts exponentially increased after hiring a marketing assistant. In light of the hire, more time and energy was dedicated to the development of community-facing content. Several highlights and accomplishments include the launching of Northglenn Recreation pages on two social media platforms, Facebook and Instagram. The platforms have proven to be an extremely effective way to engage with the community. New marketing materials are being produced such as area and program-specific brochures, pamphlets, and flyers.



MARKETING & FEEDBACK

RECREATION  
BY THE NUMBERS





# THEATRE & CULTURE PROGRAMS

## YEAR IN REVIEW

### OVERVIEW

Theatre and culture programs (branded as Northglenn Arts) is a leader in performing and visual arts programming in the North Metro Area. Northglenn Arts produces Northglenn Youth Theatre (NYT), NYT Jr., NYT Academy classes, camps and workshops, Missoula Children's Theatre, Northglenn Arts Presents, Summer Concert and Movie Series, Travel Film Series, Daddy/Daughter Sweetheart Ball, Art on Parade and commissioned public art programs, and other special events. Most of these programs take place at the Parsons Theatre, the largest theatre facility of its kind currently in Adams County. Continuing 45 years of being an important community asset, the new Parsons Theatre has not only elevated Northglenn Arts but is also a theatrical home to 25 local organizations.

With 2022 being the first full year in the new state-of-the-art Parsons Theatre, culture program offerings well-surpassed expectations with a total attendance of 35,464; an increase of over 13,000 attendees from 2019 (the last complete year before the pandemic). People of diverse ages and backgrounds, particularly our youth and teen patrons, benefited as audience members and as active participants through Northglenn Arts' expanding scope of services and affordable pricing structure. Organizations that rented the theatre in 2022 accounted for 17,993 of the total attendance. Productions, classes, concerts, and events produced by the Culture Division, in partnership with Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation (NAHF), accounted for 17,471 attendees. When including park visitors who experienced the growing public art collection, those numbers approximate well over 100,000 cultural patrons.



**35,464** TOTAL ATTENDEES  
**17,993** RENTAL ATTENDEES  
**17,471** NORTHGLENN ARTS ATTENDEES  
**100,000+** CULTURAL PATRONS

The earned revenue goal for Northglenn Arts (including ticket sales, registrations, rentals, and concessions) was \$262,696, with the final actual earned revenue being \$366,188, or 40% above expectation. Within that achievement was not only the stellar ticket sales and registration income of 145% above goal, but the concessions end-of-year total finishing 456% above budgeted projections. The highly utilized community resource hosted dance, theatre, and performing arts organizations and was used for religious services, heritage programs, meetings, presentations, and other functions. Due to such high demand, the Parsons Theatre is being booked two years in advance.

Occasional free use of the space is provided to other City of Northglenn departments for events such as awards ceremonies, neighborhood meetings, all-staff meetings, and various other city gatherings and presentations.



**\$366,188** EARNED IN REVENUE  
**145%** ABOVE TICKET SALES GOAL  
**456%** ABOVE CONCESSIONS GOAL



# THEATRE & CULTURE PROGRAMS

## YEAR IN REVIEW

### STAFF

Culture staff includes the following full-time staff: Arts, Culture, and Community Manager (Theatre Executive Director), Supervisor (Theatre Production Manager), Theatre Coordinator (NYT Director), Marketing Coordinator, Patron Services Coordinator, Technical Director, and Assistant Technical Director. The box office includes one full-time and two part-time patron services employees. An extensive list of contractors (61 in 2022) are used on a yearly basis consisting of instructors, designers, builders, technicians, and various other theatrical and artistic positions.

Manager Michael Stricker represented Northglenn through continued work with multiple neighboring cities, Adams County Regional Arts and Culture Committee, Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) Communications Committee, The Collaborative of SCFD, and Front Range Executive Directors of Local Arts Agencies. He also participated with the Rocky Mountain Arts Consortium, Association of Performing Arts Professionals, Western Arts Alliance, as well as partnering with Northglenn High School on public art and theatre initiatives. Theatre Coordinator Kimberly Jongejan currently serves on the board of directors for the Colorado Community Theatre Coalition (Secretary). She is a member of the following organizations representing Northglenn Arts: American Association of Community Theatres, Colorado Theatre Guild (Education committee member), Children's Theatre Foundation, and National Youth Arts. She is a trained adjudicator and judge, attending and reviewing productions across the state for the Henry Awards (Colorado Theatre Guild), the Bobby G Awards (Denver Center for the Performing Arts) and National Youth Arts Awards.



# THEATRE & CULTURE PROGRAMS

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### NORTHGLENN ARTS & HUMANITIES FOUNDATION

Most contracted services and program expenditures are paid for by the Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation (NAHF). The NAHF is an independently run 501(c)3 organization that raises over \$200,000 per year in contributed income, mainly through funding provided by the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), Colorado Creative Industries (CCI), individual and corporate donations, and special fundraising events. The NAHF currently has a ten-person volunteer board of directors, is directed by the Arts, Culture & Community Manager Michael Stricker, and includes an appointed representative of City Council. Three additional community members are in the process of joining the board. The NAHF consistently receives one of the top SCFD awards out of 60+ organizations in Adams County, and in 2022 received \$228,450. The award includes \$40,000 in General Operating Support (GOS) which is designated for long-range planning, administration costs, fundraising, non-profit cultural organization partnerships through Northglenn Arts Presents, and support for public art projects. The SCFD award also includes \$57,450 in program funds for performance theatre (NYT, NYT Academy, and Missoula Children's Theater), \$11,000 for the Summer Concert and Movie Series, and \$120,000 for visual arts (City Hall Public Art Project.) This brings the total SCFD funds awarded to the NAHF since 1990 to over \$2.2 million.



**\$228,450** AWARDED FROM SCFD  
**10** VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS  
**\$2.2 MILLION** TOTAL SCFD AWARDS  
SINCE 1990



Although 2022 continued to see some effects due to the pandemic, the NAHF, in partnership with the City of Northglenn, not only bounced back from 2021 participation and attendance numbers, but also committed fully to more diverse offerings. The NAHF embraced the struggles caused by the pandemic, social unrest, and political upheaval of the past years and redoubled efforts to meet diversity, inclusivity, and social equity goals. The NAHF evaluated its vision and programming goals and how they affect the new space, which resulted in the newly developed strategic plan. Through this process, increasing dynamic programming through Northglenn Arts Presents opportunities became a higher priority to better meet the need for stories that reflect the diversity, inclusivity, and social equity needs in our community. Northglenn has been successful in producing a broad range of youth programming, education, and performance opportunities for decades. However, providing high-quality, professional adult programming was a challenge in the prior facility. All of that changed in 2022. Expanding collaborations with metro area SCFD funded organizations like the Phamaly Theatre Company and Cleo Parker Robinson Dance allowed Northglenn Arts to greatly expand its breadth of diverse storytelling. Additionally, Presenting opportunities both nationally and regionally have gained traction and added value to Northglenn Arts offerings.

# THEATRE & CULTURE PROGRAMS

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### NORTHGLENN YOUTH THEATRE (NYT)

2022 marked NYT's 28th year and in that time the program has worked with nearly 2,000 youth, many of whom have gone on to careers in the arts. NYT is the cornerstone of Northglenn Arts programs and continues to provide high quality educational performance opportunities for youth, risk-taking show selections, professional standards, and high praise from participants, critics and audiences alike.

NYT experienced its greatest expansion of services in its history with the addition of three fully produced youth shows in 2022. As a result of occupying the new Parsons Theatre and the support spaces it provides, the expansion of programming directly fulfills the goals outlined in the 2017 Parks, Recreation & Culture Strategic Plan.

The 2022 Northglenn Youth Theatre season opened with the NYT Jr. production of Disney's Frozen Jr. The cast consisted of 28 youth (with 39 auditioning) with a total of 1,083 people attending over four shows.



The large-scale spring NYT production was Matilda the Musical. The cast consisted of 37 (with 79 auditioning) and was attended by 2,267 people over eight performances (a stellar 85% capacity utilization.)

The summer months included NYT Jr.'s Wonka Jr. with 31 cast (with 43 auditioning) and 1,018 in attendance over four shows. NYT produced the challenging Commedia Dell'arte 277-year-old Servant of Two Masters with 14 cast (with 21 auditioning) and 318 people in attendance over three shows.

The fall NYT Jr. production was Alice in Wonderland with 35 cast (with 58 auditioning) and 936 people attending over four shows.

The large-scale fall NYT production that closed out the year was Seussical the Musical. The hit production consisted of 45 cast members (with 53 auditioning) and 2,599 people in attendance. Seussical proved to be the highest attended NYT production in its 28-year history.

Overall, 285 youth auditioned, with 191 being cast. An additional 51 youth provided technical support by working on crew or in the booth. NYT tickets sales generated \$100,600 and participant fees totaled \$30,100.

# THEATRE & CULTURE PROGRAMS

## YEAR IN REVIEW



### NYT ACADEMY

Once again, NYT Academy provided highly customized and rigorous educational opportunities through diverse classes and camp offerings throughout the year. A record-breaking 915 youth participated in various camps and classes, shattering the old record of 365. This was directly attributable to the new facility, available rooms, and strategic programming. Opportunities included classes and camps such as monologues and scene studies, playwriting, various dance classes, auditioning, music, group voice lessons, accent study, multiple age-level groupings of acting classes, and art classes, among others.

### MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Missoula Children's Theatre returned for the 34th season with a residency in August. A total of 54 youth were cast, with 331 attending two performances. The program continues to be a perennial favorite, remaining financially healthy and beneficial to youth looking to build confidence and learn the basics of performance.

### NORTHGLENN ARTS PRESENTS

The ever-expanding Northglenn Arts Presents series brought a wide variety of high-quality and diverse programs to the Parsons Theatre in 2022. February saw the first of two collaborations with the Colorado Fine Arts Association (CFAA), whose mission is to make rare performing arts from South Asia available to Colorado with the South Asian Classical Dance Festival. The sold out traditional festival entertained and enlightened all age groups. The CFAA was back in June with Indian Raga in the Rockies. The music and dance production brought traditional Eastern Indian Classic performance into the 21st century. In February we celebrated Black History Month with two productions: The History of African American Music Part II by the Black Arts Festival and Source Theatre Company, as well as a return by Cleo Parker Robinson Dance with a performance of One People, Many Voices. Phamaly Theatre Company, whose mission is to be a creative home for theatre artists with disabilities and to model a disability-affirmative theatrical process, brought their production of The Spitfire Grill to the Parsons Theatre for a four-week residency in March. It was a rebuilding year for the company with attendance being low but with high artistic achievements and rebounding operations.



- 915 NYT ACADEMY PARTICIPANTS
- 34 SEASONS OF THE MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE
- 54 CAST MEMBERS
- 331 ATTENDEES

# THEATRE & CULTURE PROGRAMS

## YEAR IN REVIEW

### NORTHGLENN ARTS PRESENTS CON'T

The Colorado Symphony performed works by Mozart and Mendelssohn to 72% capacity in May and performed the works of Jessie Montgomery, Dvorak, and Tchaikovsky to a slightly smaller capacity in October. The Colorado Jazz Repertory Orchestra produced three concerts in 2022, its first show in June was *Sass, Swingin' & Standards*. Attendance doubled in July with *Hot Latin Jazz* and attendance remained strong for their last show in September with *It's a Latin Fiesta*. Perennial favorites *FACE* Vocal Band played to a sold out performance in September with a new vocalist. The nationally touring production of *Sugar Skull!*, *A Día de Muertos* Musical Adventure represented by *Rhythm of the Arts* was presented in October with 445 in attendance. The youth-focused production was shown at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on a Saturday to make it more accessible to youth and families and resulted in a significant success for a new type of Presenting show at the Parsons Theatre. To

end the year, two different holiday productions were offered in December with Kantorie's traditional chorale music and Starkey Productions' *Motones* and *Jerseys: Holiday Hi-Fi*. Both shows were huge hits with Kantorie's *Miracles; A Celebration from Around the World* selling at 92% capacity (308 attendees), and the three shows of *Motones* selling at 96% (962 attendees.)



The first full year of Northglenn Arts Presents in the new facility was an extraordinary success considering so many of the offerings were new to Northglenn residents and the local market. Overall, the series saw 4,395 attendees and generated over \$78,000 in ticket revenue.

Productions and collaborations such as these enable Northglenn Arts to provide diverse and impactful programming that could not otherwise be produced given staff capacity. Northglenn Arts, in partnership with the NAHF, pay a flat fee or split ticket revenue with performing arts organizations to bring fully developed performances to Northglenn for single and multi-day public showings.



**3** PERFORMANCES BY THE COLORADO JAZZ REPERTORY ORCHESTRA  
**4,395** TOTAL ATTENDEES  
**\$78,000** IN TICKET REVENUE

# THEATRE & CULTURE PROGRAMS

## YEAR IN REVIEW



### SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

2022 celebrated the 33rd anniversary season of free outdoor summer concerts. The lineup featured six popular local bands representing varying genres: The Wendy Woo Band, The Guerrilla Fanfare Brass Band, Hot Lunch Band, The Canyon Echos, Espresso!, and Soul School. The concerts were permitted for beer sales to create added value for patrons and to help raise funds for the NAHF to pay for production costs. A sweet and savory food truck was provided to expand the appeal of the event. Attendance was low due to issues with weather, lower than expected band appeal, and some competing overlap with the Neighborhood Nights events. Attendance was estimated at 1,280 for the six concerts. The portable stage and canopy were once again used for the six summer concerts with ProductAV, LLC providing sound production.

### SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

2022 marked the 9th year for the free outdoor movie series. Films were presented at dusk on Wednesdays in July. A list of films was presented online in January for the public to vote on with the top four being Ghostbusters Afterlife, Sing 2, Encanto, and Jungle Cruise. The projection system and screen were contracted by FunFlicks of Colorado and rights purchased through Swank Productions. When the Blu-ray discs allowed it, three films were shown with Spanish subtitles.



- 33 YEARS OF THE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**
- 9 YEARS OF THE OUTDOOR MOVIE SERIES**
- 6 LOCAL BANDS**
- 1,280 ATTENDEES**

## THEATRE & CULTURE PROGRAMS

### YEAR IN REVIEW



### ART ON PARADE

Art on Parade (AOP) is a one-year sculpture-on-loan program designed to bring high-quality, community-driven public art to Northglenn. Submissions are accepted from artists throughout the United States, from which six pieces are selected by a committee and placed at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park. The critical component of this program involves the solicitation of public votes to select the winning sculpture (The People's Choice) from the six selected by the committee. The piece receiving the most votes is then earmarked for purchase by NAHF, and once purchased and permanently installed, is gifted to the City of Northglenn.

The 2022 selection committee included 36 Northglenn residents, park visitors, former and current Northglenn City Council members, NAHF board members, and high school aged students. The meeting was held February 15 in the Parsons Theatre and dinner was provided by the NAHF. 45 sculptures were reviewed with four of the six highest voting totals going to Colorado artists. NAHF contracted with the six selected artists for the on-loan program then arranged for installation and marketing of the artwork.

## PEOPLE'S CHOICE

The People's Choice award was given to Colorado artist Vanny Channal for American Steel Eagle. The large-scale, recycled steel sculpture will be permanently placed somewhere in Northglenn later in 2023.





# THEATRE & CULTURE PROGRAMS

## YEAR IN REVIEW

### PERMANENT COLLECTION

Outdoor public art continues to be embraced broadly by the community, and the growing collection reflects that demand. With the addition of American Steel Eagle, the city's sculpture collection is now valued at \$938,000. Loveland-based Sculpture Service of Colorado was hired by NAHF to clean and provide repairs to the collection including:

- **WHAT'S NEXT DAD? BY STEVE SETTLES** - RECREATION CENTER
- **FRIENDS BY SHIRLEY LAREE OLSON** - DANAHY PARK
- **HOP TO IT! BY KIM SHAKLEE** - CROKE RESERVOIR
- **MY BUDDY BY VICTOR ISSA** - BILL GOODSPEED HAPPY TRAILS DOG PARK
- **POTATO MAN BY SUSAN GEISSLER** - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ENTRANCE
- **ORPHANS BY DOLLORES SHELEDY** - NORTHWEST OPEN SPACE
- **HIGH FOUR BY LOUISE PETERSON** - FOX RUN CENTRAL PARK
- **OPEN SPACE BY GEORGE MANUS** - NORTHWEST OPEN SPACE
- **IMAGINE THAT BY KATHY ANDERSON** - WYCO PARK
- **ASCENSION BY RYAN SCHMIDT** - WINBURN PARK
- **BLOOMING PINK AMARYLLIS BULB BY CHARLES** - CITY HALL
- **DESERT MOTHER BY JAMES PAULSEN** - FOX RUN OPEN SPACE
- **BEE MY HONEY BY COLETTE PITCHER** - GRANGE HALL CREEK UNDERPASS
  - **THE SHAMAN BY POKEY PARK** - CENTENNIAL PARK SCULPTURE GARDEN
    - **WINGS OF FREEDOM BY DIMITRY DOMANI SPIRIDON** - JUSTICE CENTER
      - **SEE THROUGH OTHER EYES BY ELLEN WOODBURY** - OSCAR ARNOLD NATURE AREA TRAIL



## THEATRE & CULTURE PROGRAMS

### YEAR IN REVIEW



Treatments to the sculptures were based on the Guidelines for Practice and Code of Ethics as set forth by the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (AIC), as well as the Guidelines for Conservation Practices of the AIC Objects Specialties Group.

The Northglenn Veterans Memorial by Wu Hai-Ying (Veterans Memorial Plaza, City Hall) is treated every other year because of its high maintenance costs. The sculpture was treated in 2021 after construction on the site was complete and in preparation for the November 11th Veterans Day celebration.

The following sculptures are inspected each year but are not regularly maintained due to the nature and medium of the work:

- **TENTABOWL BY DAVID FRANKLIN** - MURAL AT DON ANEMA MEMORIAL SKATE PARK
- **ASCENSION BY RYAN SCHMIDT** - WYNBURN PARK
- **DOUBLE SPINNER BY LYMAN WHITAKER** - KENNEDY DR./MELODY DR. ROUNDABOUT
- **THE EYE BY LUGUFELO** - CENTENNIAL PARK SCULPTURE GARDEN
- **BUTTERFLY TREE BY JOHN KING** - CENTENNIAL PARK SCULPTURE GARDEN
- **WINDSWEPT BY BARRY FERICH** - CENTENNIAL PARK SCULPTURE GARDEN
- **BISON BY DONALD GIALANELLA** - STONEHOCKER FARMHOUSE
- **THE EYE BY LUIS “LUGUFELO” FERNANDEZ** - CENTENNIAL PARK SCULPTURE GARDEN
- **TIRES AND SPOKES BY SEAN MUELLER** - CENTENNIAL PARK SCULPTURE GARDEN
- **NATIVE GRASSES BY CJ RENCH DESIGN STUDIO** - WEBSTER LAKE PROMENADE
- **BUTTERFLY BY PATRICIA VADER** - ODELL BARRY PARK

The tunnel mural under I-25, installed in 2019 to celebrate Northglenn’s 50th Anniversary, has continued to experience a high level of vandalism. Local muralist Jerry Jaramillo was contracted through the City and provided several restorations and cleanings of the tunnel throughout the year.

# THEATRE & CULTURE PROGRAMS

## YEAR IN REVIEW

### CITY HALL PUBLIC ART PROJECT

The Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation (NAHF) and city staff are working on a large-scale public art piece in the new Northglenn City Hall. The new facility will anchor the Civic Center and will express and support the values and identity of Northglenn. To this end, the City Hall Public Art Project was conceived and created in this same spirit. As the City’s civic heart, it will house a variety of activities and community events. Day-to-day, City Hall will serve the community with the basic services of municipal government including ballot drop-off, utility billing, building permits, and much more. Many of these activities will take place within or directly adjacent to the main public lobby. In addition, throughout the year, City Hall will become the hub of civic life, supporting events and festivals that take place within the Civic Center and the adjacent E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park. The lobby, adjacent community rooms and public restroom facilities will help support a variety of city-wide services and events. In short, the primary public area is the ideal place for a large-scale public art installation to become the artistic and cultural centerpiece for City Hall. The City Hall Public Art Project will benefit Northglenn residents through the building of community pride, identity, cultural understanding, and a sense of place through enhanced aesthetics.



After a national call for entry, the winning artist, Jodie Bliss, was awarded \$250,000 to complete the City Hall Public Art Project. Design, materials, fabrication, installation, and any other costs associated with the project are included in the fee. An additional \$53,500 will be spent on the architecture, electrical and structural elements associated with this public art piece, committee food and supplies, and contingency. The artist was integrated into the design of the building at an early stage to create a cohesiveness between architecture and public art. By hiring the artist at such an early stage, more freedom will be provided to the design process, allowing for a high level of collaboration and visual integration.

Over the past decade, NAHF has utilized the CaFÉ call for entry system to expand its ability to receive a greater variety of proposals that enhance the diversity of the City’s collection. Combining the reach of our call for entry and a diverse selection committee, NAHF can assure the selection process is true to its mission of “...maintaining and nurturing the cultural arts for the benefit of our community.”

Bliss was selected out of 29 submissions by a committee comprised of members of the City Council, NAHF, DISE Board, and city staff. The project will continue into 2023 with design completion and manufacturing. It will then be installed as the new building is close to completion in 2024 and will be celebrated as part of the opening festivities.

# THEATRE & CULTURE PROGRAMS

## YEAR IN REVIEW

### SPECIAL ENGAGEMENTS

The 30th annual Teddy Bear Picnic was held at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park, with 150 youth attending the free Animal Farm Band performance. The Travel Film Series has been a staple in the Northglenn Arts lineup since the mid-1980s and was very popular amongst the seniors. Due to the target audience being older, the Travel Film Series was put on hold through much of 2020 and all of 2021 due to the pandemic. Thankfully, it was back in 2022 to much success. As audience numbers increased throughout the year, the capacity utilization increased. Nearly 900 seniors attended one of the six films, with nearly 400 of them buying the additional lunch that immediately follows the film in the Community Rooms. Celebrating its 20th year, the ever-popular annual Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Ball was held in February in the community rooms to a sold out crowd. Northglenn Arts partnered with the Diversity, Inclusion and Social Equity (DISE) Board on the film Respect in February to help celebrate Black History Month. Butterfly Effect Theatre Company out of Boulder brought their traveling show (performed out of a large trailer converted to a mobile stage) to Festival Lawn in July. Their performance of Amelia's Big Idea was presented free to 80 youth along with other park visitors.

Northglenn Arts was thrilled to partner with the Colorado Symphony on four presentations of their Petite Musique program. Petite Musique is a bilingual, interactive concert program for youth. It features a 16-piece orchestra and a bilingual narrator that incorporates storytelling, singing, and dance in both English and Spanish. It is designed to introduce young children to the instruments of the orchestra through a musical telling of a children's story. In 2022, Northglenn Arts presented two shows of Three Little Pigs in the spring and two shows of Peter Rabbit in the fall with a total of 843 youth in attendance.

Several other programs were offered in the Parsons Theatre in partnership with Northglenn Arts including the Photography Class Portraits project assignment with Red Rocks Community College, Night of the Stars Talent Show, Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards, Summer Day Camp movies, SeriesFest with Anythink Libraries, Northglenn Joy Committee movie showing of Hocus Pocus 2, Economic Development Business Appreciation Event, Noel Northglenn and an employee movie event. Northglenn Arts also collaborated with the Senior Center and Colorado Chord Company for the annual Veterans Day Celebration.

### RENTALS

Theatre rentals generated \$61,648 in 2022, a significant increase from pre-pandemic levels of approximately \$40,000. This was due to increased hourly usage per rental and increasing rental rates that are necessary to match the scope of services and quality of the new facility. Rental attendance accounted for 17,993 visitors. The highly sought-after community resource hosted many dance companies, theatre productions, and performing arts organizations, as well as being used for heritage events, business meetings, presentations, and other functions. Extensive planning was put into the new facility and how it would accommodate rentals. The first full year in the new facility saw an overwhelmingly positive response from rentals and their guests. The demand for 2022 and beyond is extremely strong with very little inventory for extra bookings.



# SENIOR PROGRAMS

## YEAR IN REVIEW

### OVERVIEW

The Northglenn Senior Center offers social and educational opportunities, fitness programs, directions to resources, and fellowship for area seniors. The center remained a crucial support system for many in our aging population. Some services were still offered virtually but most activities were in-person in 2022. In the beginning of the year, there was a health department mask mandate, so some of our food-related events were postponed or adjusted to comply.



### VACCINE CLINICS

The Senior Center continued to offer many resources, including including serving as a place for area residents to obtain their COVID-19 vaccinations. The staff helped organize vaccine clinics in the new facility in the first part of 2022. Relaying COVID-19 information and Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment and Tri-County Health Department (now Adams County Health Department) guidelines continued to be a central point of communication. Staff also participated on the Adams County Aging Services Response and Recovery Team and kept very close track of area senior services.

### PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

The beginning of the year saw more in-person programs, even with a mask mandate. This included bingo games, book club, cards, educational classes, bunco, T'ai chi, birthday parties, storytellers, Oktoberfest potluck, a pie bake-off, and the Northglenn Senior Organization (NSO) business luncheons. Events that included food took place after the mask mandate was lifted in February. New for 2022 were a genealogy group, mahjong, a writers circle and technology lab. The annual Pig Races and Potluck returned in person in 2022 and the Annual Chili Cook-Off was moved from January to April. Paint with Me classes were changed to Sip and Paint classes. Eight classes were offered in 2022 and sold out. Refreshments and non-alcoholic beverages were served. Rosie Garner presented gardening information in the community rooms at our Garden Tea Party and the Annual Holiday Tea Party was brought back in December.

Senior fitness programs continue to be popular, with some people choosing to remain online. The flexibility of hybrid classes (in person and online) helped many of our participants continue to attend classes on the NG Fit Facebook page. This format was offered while we closed during the transition to the new space and continues to be offered twice a week and during inclement weather going forward. Most of the participants enjoy coming to in-person classes at the new facility. SilverSneakers Classic, SilverSneakers Yoga, and Chair Yoga are offered all throughout the week.

### BIG TOP SENIOR CELEBRATION

On May 25, the Senior Center celebrated the seniors with a Big Top Senior Celebration. The event was an open house in the community rooms with a circus theme. A ring master acted as an MC and DJ. There were circus performers, music, food and lots of information on upcoming events and activities, as well as resources. Chief May stopped by and demonstrated how to play crokinole. Gaming with the Chief is now offered on a monthly basis. This gives residents a social opportunity to interact with the Chief and have some fun.

### VETERANS DAY

The Senior Center partnered with American Legion Post 22, Doug Good Feather with Healing Hoop Pow Wow, as well as Mayor Leighty, staff and other dignitaries, in honoring our veterans. Councilperson and Navy Veteran Richard Kondo also joined. Attended by over 140 people, the ceremony was capped by a gun salute and a presentation of the 13 folds of the flag. It was followed by a free catered lunch in the community rooms. Girl Scout Troop 65790 participated in the event by helping serve lunch to the guests and clean up, while the Colorado Chord Company performed acapella versions of patriotic songs. In 2020, yard signs were distributed that read “The City of Northglenn Salutes the Honored Veteran that lives here.” An additional 30 signs that were leftover were distributed at the 2022 event.

### SCULPTURE TOURS

The Senior Center staff offered sculpture tours of Northglenn’s permanent collection in-person during the summer of 2022 while also encouraging folks to visit the city’s YouTube page to see videos highlighting each of the pieces in the permanent collection. The Art on Parade Sculpture Tour & Breakfast returned to pre-COVID attendance in June of 2022. The Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation provided breakfast burritos and Arts, Culture & Community Manager Michael Stricker gave a tour of the six sculptures on-loan at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park.



# SENIOR PROGRAMS YEAR IN REVIEW

## MEDICARE MONDAY

Medicare Monday, presented by the Colorado Gerontological Society, was held in person in October 2022. 70 people attended to get information and resources on changes to Medicare coverage for 2023. CGS also offered virtual class in October.



## NORTHGLENN SENIOR ORGANIZATION

The Northglenn Senior Organization (NSO) once again provided major support for senior activities and has an active 10 member board of directors.

The Senior Center is supervised by Michael Stricker and day-to-day operations are run by Senior Coordinator Kate Fisher. Representing Northglenn, Kate participates with several organizations including the Colorado Parks & Recreation Association, Adams County Aging Network, and Adams County community transportation program (A-Lift). Her involvement with these organizations increases the Senior Center's profile and helps prepare staff for upcoming trends and challenges in senior services and programming. Kassy Riggle was promoted to Recreation Coordinator for Youth & Teens in April and Emily Abernathy was hired as the new Recreation Assistant in the Senior Center.



- 10** BOARD MEMBERS
- 70** MEDICARE MONDAY ATTENDEES
- 140** VETERANS DAY ATTENDEES
- 5** DAYS A WEEK OF FITNESS CLASSES

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

## OVERVIEW

2022 was busy with capital improvement projects (CIP). It was a year of planning, bidding out projects, and managing lead times on contractors and equipment. Several of the projects have been in the works and partially grant funded for a couple years now but due to COVID delays and a position vacancy, these projects were delayed. Jesse Mestrovic, the new Parks & Recreation Project Manager, has joined the Northglenn team and has hit the ground running.



## WYCO PARK

The tennis courts at Wyco Park are over 45 years old but have been widely used by the adjacent STEM School, drop-in players, and programmed lessons. Peeling and cracking have resulted in an unsafe playing surface and the entire surface is in need of a repair. The sports court renovation project is expected to be completed in early 2023 with new LED lights, new fencing, new post-tension concrete, new acrylic surfacing, new push button light activation, and the city's first official outdoor pickleball courts.

The Wyco Park portion of the project is partially funded by an Adams County Open Space grant (ADCO) of \$300,000.



## DANAHY PARK

The tennis courts at Danahy Park are equally as deficient as Wyco Park, and due to this the project was bid together. The Danahy Park tennis courts will also receive new LED lights, new fencing, new post-tension concrete, new acrylic surfacing, new push button light activation, and the city's first bocce ball court adjacent to the tennis court.

The sports court renovation project at Wyco & Danahy Parks had a total budget of \$1,087,900.



**SENSORY PLAYGROUND**

Due to the age and high usage, the Sensory Playground at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park has been over loved and primed for a renovation and replacement of the worn pieces of equipment. The playground is scheduled to be refurbished with a new highly-colored poured-in-place safety surfacing. This project will be a big refresh of equipment, amenities, and playground space. The contract was awarded in 2022 but a 42-week lead time on playground equipment pushed the project completion to 2023.

The playground project has a total budget of \$725,000 with \$375,000 coming from an Adams County Open Space grant.



**E.B. RAINS JR. MEMORIAL PARK RENOVATION PROJECT**

The city received a \$1.35M Adams County Open Space grant to renovate many sections of E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park. The project will repair or replace the current restroom facility adjacent to Sensory Playground, replace the ADA switchback trail and sitting wall on the east side of the park, add hardscaping near the skatepark, and add parks and event storage with new public restrooms near the east parking lot.

The park renovation project has a budget of \$2.7M with \$1.35M coming from from an Adams County Open Space grant and \$1.35M in matching funds from the city.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

### JAYCEE BALLFIELD LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

Jaycee Park is home to Northglenn's only lit softball/baseball field and is heavily used throughout the season for adult and youth leagues. The lights and electrical systems were installed in the 1970s and are scheduled to be upgraded in early 2023. This project will consist of new LED lights, new poles, and new electrical components and devices.

The project was partially funded with Adams County Open Space grant funds in the amount of \$170k, with an additional \$220k from the Conservation Trust Fund. This project received an additional upgrade with a grant from Charge Up Colorado for an electrical vehicle charging station, resulting in \$9,000 going towards that park improvement. Once completed, this will be the city's third electric vehicle charging station in our public spaces. The total budget for the Jaycee Park Project is \$399,000.

### CROKE RESERVOIR

The Croke Reservoir project is comprised of a comprehensive interpretive, educational, and rules sign package, including a consolidated sign plan to reduce sign clutter and confusion with a clean cohesive design. The goal is to use this new, professionally-developed signage throughout the city. This project will install approximately 360 feet of post and cable fencing on the western edge of the wetland for conservation purposes and an ADA-compliant second fishing area at the southeast corner of the site.

The total project budget is \$120,000 for the upgrades with \$40,000 coming from Adams County Open Space grants funds. Design is underway with construction planned for spring/summer 2023.

### PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE LONG-RANGE PLAN

City Council adopted the first comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan in 1986, followed by the adoption of the 10-year implementation plan in 1987. Per the Municipal Code, that plan has been reviewed on an annual basis, and updated every five years. Although facility-specific needs assessments have been conducted throughout the years, a comprehensive parks and recreation needs assessment has not been conducted since that time. This will be the first time since the inaugural plan that the city has hired an outside firm to assist in the development of the long-range plan.

The consultant will work with staff and the public through an extensive community engagement process. This plan will become a roadmap for the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department for the next 10 years.

The contract was awarded in late 2022 in the amount of \$139,970 with a project completion and adoption expected in late 2023.



## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

### KIWANIS POOL

The city is working diligently to enhance the mechanical systems, piping, and deck surface of Kiwanis Pool and had previously earmarked \$1M via CIP funds through the Adams County and Colorado Trust Funds. The city was successful in securing an additional \$1M from the Adams County Open Space grant in the 2022. The city has retained a consultant to aid with the project design and development of bid documents. The city plans to finalize the design and bid out the project in 2023 with construction planned for winter/spring 2024. The total project budget is \$2M.



### ODELL BARRY PARK (PREVIOUSLY JUSTICE CENTER WEST PARK)

Planning on this park will begin soon thanks to a grant from The Colorado Health Foundation. The park design will be finalized through community engagement. This will help strengthen future applications for grant funding. So far, the project has received a \$1.5M grant from Adams County Open Space that will be used as matching funds in the future. The total project budget is \$5M.

### EMERGENCY PARK REPAIRS

The city did not experience significant vandalism of park facilities in 2022 but funds were used for minor vandalism and playground equipment failures. The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department is quite grateful for having this budgetary allocation annually to keep the city's playgrounds safe and operable.



Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make 2022 a great year for Northglenn's Department of Parks, Recreation & Culture. We are honored to continue to serve the community.

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