

**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE MEMORANDUM  
#13-2026**

**DATE:** March 9, 2026

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

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

**FROM:** Amanda J. Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture *APP*  
Kassy Riggle, Recreation Coordinator of Youth and Teen Programs

**SUBJECT:** Youth Commission 2025 Annual Update

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**PURPOSE**

To present City Council with the 2025 Northglenn Youth Commission Annual Report.

**BACKGROUND**

Throughout the year, members of the Northglenn Youth Commission provide City Council with a brief narrative update. The update includes a narrative summary of activities and accomplishments from recent months, as well as a preview of upcoming events and activities. At the end of the year, both a written report and a narrative update are provided to summarize the entire year.

This update is for 2025. A Youth Commissioner will attend the City Council meeting to present the update, which will highlight the following topics:

- Board Membership and Recruiting
- Outreach Efforts
- 2025 Priority Project Progress
- Board & Commissions Training
- Under the Dome
- 2026 Priority Project Development
- Graduating Seniors

**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. Annual Report

# ***YOUTH COMMISSION 2025 ANNUAL REPORT***

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**City Council Meeting**

*March 9, 2026*



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# *PURPOSE*

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Megha Bipin (she/her)

Vice-President  
Legacy High School

## LeAnn Shi (she/her)

Secretary  
Stargate Charter School

## Anusha Khanal (she/her)

Public Relations & Communications Manager  
Stargate Charter School

## Cheyenne Galler (she/her)

Board Member  
Jefferson Academy

## Brandon Martin (he/him)

Board Member  
Legacy High School



# *RECRUITMENT EFFORTS*

- School Recruitment
- Mayors Monthly Minute
- Video Spotlight



# OUTREACH



- Safe Street Halloween
- Northglenn Pride
- Christmas Crusade



# ***PRIORITY PROJECT*** ***ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY***

- Global Recycling Day
- World Wildlife Day
- Farmers Highline Canal Cleanup



# ***PRIORITY PROJECT*** ***SAFE HAVENS***



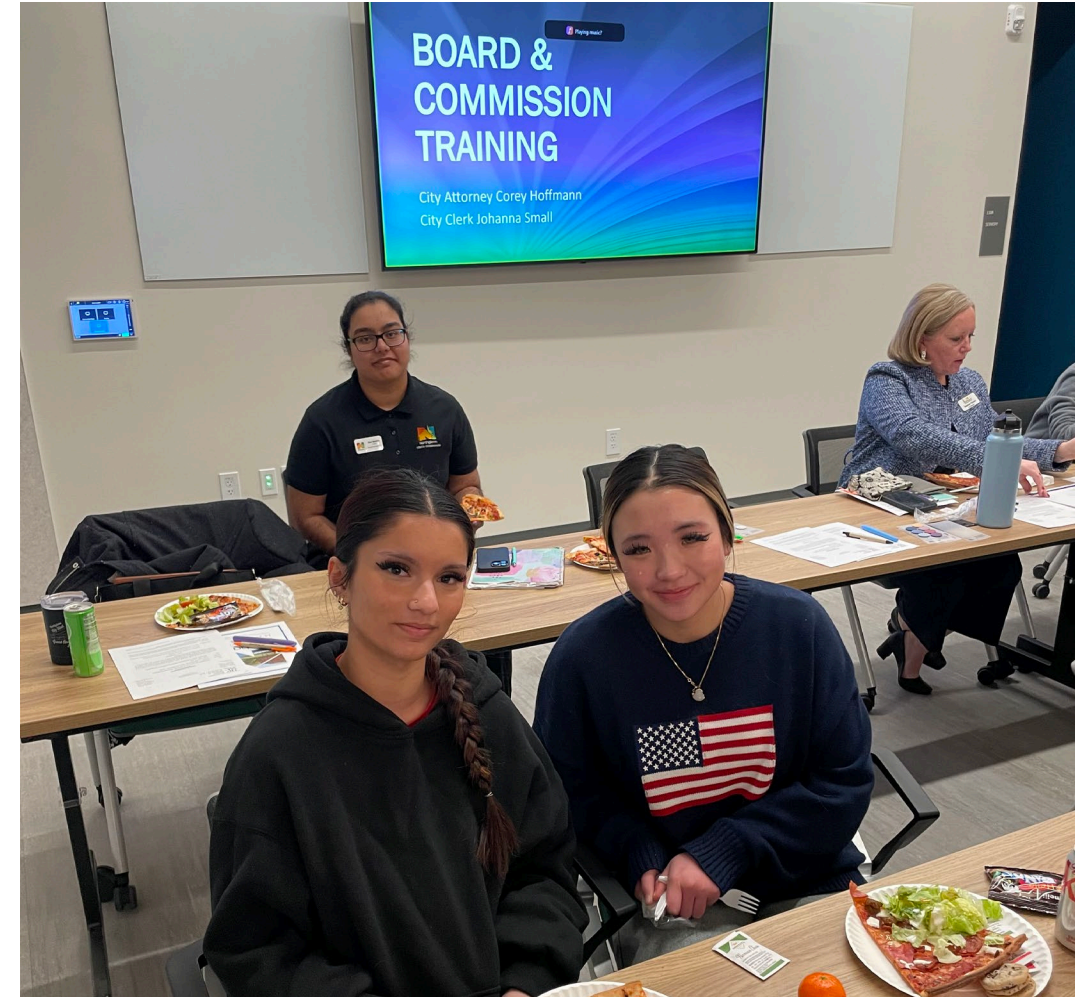
- Understanding community needs
- Developing future projects





# ***BOARDS & COMMISSIONS TRAINING***

- Boards & Commissions Intro
- Open Meetings Act



# *UNDER THE DOME*



- Visit Colorado State Capitol
- Meet Legislative Members
- Discuss Issues



# 2026 PRIORITY PROJECTS

- Safe Havens
- Teen Engagement
- Youth Addiction Awareness



# GRADUATING SENIORS



- Suyash Shrestha
- Meera Bipin
- Nazly Soufiani
- Alex Akaam Sandhu (not pictured)



# *QUESTIONS?*



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# NORTHGLENN YOUTH COMMISSION

# ANNUAL REPORT 2025



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## MEETINGS

The Youth Commission Board of Directors meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The first meeting of the month is a formal business meeting; the second is a working meeting. Agendas and minutes, along with other board documents, can be found at [www.northglenn.org/nyc](http://www.northglenn.org/nyc). All Youth Commission meetings are open to the public. Youth interested in joining the Youth Commission, or those that have an idea to share, are encouraged to attend.

## JOIN THE BOARD

Interested youth must be between the ages of 13 and 18, and live in Northglenn or attend school in the Adams 12 Five Star School District. Commissioners serve one-year terms. Any member in good standing may be reappointed for consecutive terms. Applications are available on the city's website at [www.northglenn.org/nyc](http://www.northglenn.org/nyc).

## BOARD OPENINGS

As of December 2025, there were ten vacancies on the Youth Commission's Board of Directors. In an effort to fill the vacant positions that would be left by several seniors graduating in May 2025, the Commission turned its attention to increasing recruitment efforts over completing Priority Projects. Openings were posted on the Youth Commission's web page, social media, Northglenn Parks, Recreation and Culture Activity Guide, and have been promoted in the Northglenn Connection.

## BOARD LIAISONS

Megan Burns, City Council Ex-Officio Member  
Kassy Riggle, City Staff Liaison

**Megha Bipin**

(She/Her)

Vice-President

Legacy High School



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**Graduated Seniors**

**Meera Bipin**

**Alex Akaam Sandhu**

**Suyash Shrestha**

**Nazly Soufiani**

(Service ended May 2025)

**Completed Service**

**Kate Feil**

(Service ended Nov. 2025)

# RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

By: Brandon Martin, *Board Member*

## SCHOOL RECRUITMENT

The Commission made efforts to directly contact middle and high schools in Northglenn and in the Adams 12 District by directing the Staff Liaison to begin acting on their behalf for recruitment. The middle schools that were contacted are Silver Hills, Northglenn Middle School, Stem Lab, and Hulstrom K-8. The list of high schools that were contacted are Northglenn High School, Vantage Point, Mountain Range, Horizon, and Legacy. Additionally, board members have asked their fellow peers at the school they attend to join.

## MAYORS MONTHLY MINUTE

Meera Bipin, Nazly Soufiani, and Suyash Shrestha were interviewed by Mayor Leighty for the Mayor's Monthly Minute in April with the goal to promote vacant board positions for the Youth Commission. These graduated board members discussed projects they enjoyed working on such as healthy eating habits, mental health, and public health.

## NAZLY'S VIDEO SPOTLIGHT

Nazly Soufiani was highlighted in an interview explaining why she joined the Youth Commission, how it has shaped her as a person, and why others should get involved. She explained that she had to look for external opportunities in order to get involved in the community outside of her school. Nazly expressed her love for all the projects she worked on because they are completely determined by youth in the Youth Commission. Lastly, through her constant communication with the community, Nazly determined that she had improved her leadership skills by participating on the board.



## OUTREACH EFFORTS

By Megha Bipin, *Vice President*, and Brandon Martin, *Board Member*

The Commission continued to be involved with community events in Northglenn such as SafeStreet Halloween, Northglenn Pride and Christmas Crusade. Prior to SafeStreets taking place, the Commission received a request for candy donations. The board donated a little under \$500.00 worth of candy to the event. Kate, the previous board President, attended Northglenn Pride to table and continue positive collaboration with the Diversity Inclusivity and Social Equity board. Finally, Brandon and Cheyenne helped wrap presents at the Justice Center in support of the efforts of Christmas Crusade.





# PRIORITY PROJECTS

By: Cheyenne Galler, *Board Member*

## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY

In 2025, the Youth Commission focused on environmental advocacy through a social media campaign and connecting teens to earth-friendly activities in the community. The board shared ideas for possible events and projects to lead and participate in, and settled on celebrating awareness days on social media such as Global Recycling Day and World Wildlife Day. The Commission also intended to participate at Farmer's Highline Canal Cleanup, but ended up having to take a sick day. Through these efforts, the board was able to convey the importance of protecting the environment, how small actions can make a difference, and how youth could play an active role in keeping their community clean and safe.



## SAFE HAVENS

In 2025, the Commission made limited progress on developing safe havens for local teens. Although no projects were implemented, the board engaged in meaningful discussions, shared ideas on how to create safe spaces and provided opportunities for youth to get involved. These conversations helped create a baseline understanding of the community's needs and gave structure with purpose to future safe haven project plans. The safe haven goal has been moved forward into 2026 with the goal to have it completed in the first half of the year. The Youth Commission aims to make progress by providing advocacy in the development of programs and opportunities that allow supportive and safe spaces for youth and teens in Northglenn, such as the Recreation Center's Afterschool Drop-In activity room. The board continues to support places for youth and teen safety and comfort.



# BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TRAINING

By Megha Bipin, *Vice President*

Anusha Khanal, Alex Sandhu, and LeAnn Shi were able to attend the City's first Boards and Commissions Training to review the Boards and Commission Handbook with other City boards and commissions. The Commissioners were able to better understand the Open Meetings Act and took away some tips and advice for how to better serve the board and their community. These members were also able to learn more about some of the other boards and commissions that are a part of the Northglenn community, as well as the purpose and missions of these boards.



# UNDER THE DOME

By Megha Bipin, *Vice President*

Under the Dome was an opportunity for members of the Youth Commission to be able to meet with legislative members at the Colorado State Capitol building. Members of the board were able to sit in on a legislative session and meet other Colorado representatives to hear about some of the unique projects they were working on. The Commissioners were able to meet with Representative Jenny Willford, who represents Colorado's 34<sup>th</sup> district. They were able to discuss important issues for youth in Northglenn and how some of these topics can be addressed, as well as some of the other projects that Representative Willford was working on.



# 2026 PRIORITY PROJECTS

At the end of 2025, the new board members met to discuss what goals they would like to achieve in 2026, and how to address projects incomplete in 2025. Board members ultimately decided to extend work for the 2025 Safe Havens project into 2026 in addition to two new projects. Teen engagement was selected to address increasing interest in and access to programs for youth and teens in the community. Youth Addiction Awareness was selected to address the consistent need to ensure that community members are aware of how addiction affects youth in the community and to connect youth to available resources.



## GRADUATING SENIORS

### MEERA BIPIN

Meera volunteered with the Youth Commission for 6 years, starting when she was in 6th grade. She has served the board as Secretary, Vice President and President. During her time on the Commission, she participated in the community and Commission events such as the Farmer's Highline Canal Clean-Up, Flowerbed Planting, State of the City, Noel Northglenn, and Flick & Float. Meera's favorite project was teaching youth about the importance of healthy eating at the Recreation Center's Preschool. She also enjoyed being able to represent the city in Washington D.C., and is extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to meet so many amazing people on these trips. Meera appreciates all of the support she has received from Northglenn City Council during her time as a Commissioner. Meera graduated from Legacy High School and began attending CU Boulder in the fall to study engineering.



# GRADUATING SENIORS (CTD.)

## ALEX AKAAM SANDHU

Akaam, also known to many as Alex, volunteered on the Youth Commission board for three years as Treasurer. Alex joined the Youth Commission to engage with their community more and gain a better understanding of local politics. During their time serving, Alex avidly advocated for increased outreach and engagement from the Commission to the community. Alex attended nearly every event and meeting the Commission was participating in or organizing, sometimes as the sole representative when others were not available. At Commission meetings, Alex actively contributed alternative viewpoints in conversations to ensure every project was being looked at from multiple angles, strengthening the Commission's projects overall. Alex graduated from Horizon High School and began attending college in the fall.

## SUYASH SHRESTHA

Suyash volunteered on the Youth Commission board for three years, and completed his service as the board's Public Relations and Communications Manager. Suyash strived to put the voices of youth and teens in the community at the forefront of the Commission's projects around public health by leading the committees for the Youth Addiction Awareness Poster Contest, Naloxone Training, and Flick & Float. Suyash represented the Youth Commission at State of the City, Noel Northglenn, and as a Youth Delegate for the NLC Conference in Washington D.C. Suyash originally joined the commission to create insightful projects that would benefit youth and teens in the community; a goal that he went above and beyond to achieve. Suyash graduated from Stargate Charter School and began attending CU Denver in the fall.

## NAZLY SOUFIANI

Nazly volunteered with the Northglenn Youth Commission for nearly six years. Through her work with the Commission, she has developed a deep appreciation for local policymaking and witnessed firsthand how small-scale community projects can create a lasting impact. This involvement has also played a crucial role in shaping her career aspirations. One of Nazly's favorite projects was the Commission's food insecurity awareness initiative, where members visited the Northglenn Recreation Preschool to teach students about healthy eating habits and local food security resources. She values the Commission's ability to provide meaningful opportunities for teens to contribute to their community, and she is grateful for the knowledge, skills, and experiences she has gained through her participation. Nazly would like to thank all of the incredible City of Northglenn Staff and Council members who have supported her role in the Youth Commission over the years. Nazly graduated from Legacy High School and began attending Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio in the fall.

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YOUTH & TEENS!



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