

ADMINISTRATION MEMORANDUM
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DATE: October 8, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor Joyce Downing and City Council Members

FROM: William A. Simmons, City Manager *WAS*
Debbie Tuttle, Economic Development Manager *DT*

SUBJECT: October Economic Development Update

1st Inaugural Northglenn Business Appreciation Breakfast

Driving Your Business to Success! The 1st Inaugural Northglenn Business Appreciation breakfast will held be on **Thursday, November 8, 2012** from **7 a.m. – 9 a.m.** at Boondocks Fun Center's conference facility. The keynote speaker and emcee will be James Fischer, Author of *Navigating the Growth Curve* and the CEO of Growth Curve Institute. Fischer has over 25 years of experience, both as an entrepreneurial business owner and as an advisor to over 800 CEOs and their companies in more than 35 different industry sectors. Fischer's ground breaking research and work with understanding how small to mid-size companies can effectively create, manage and sustain growth has established him as a leader in the field.

The business award categories are *Northglenn Business Legacy*, *Outstanding Community Impact*, *Outstanding Business Longevity*; *Outstanding Small Business*; and the *Outstanding Large Business*. The awards recognize Northglenn businesses for their dedication, innovation, leadership, business growth and stability, customer service, community commitment and involvement, and entrepreneurial spirit. Below is a list of the 75 companies that were nominated within the award categories. Please join us in recognizing and thanking our Northglenn companies for their business commitment to the City. To learn more about the event or to register for the breakfast please visit www.northglenn.org/businessbreakfast.

Northglenn Businesses Nomination

Northglenn Business Legacy Award

Karl's Farm Dairy

Outstanding Community Impact Award

Albertsons Market
Atlanta Bread Company
Bellco Credit Union
Boardwalk Pizzeria
Boondocks Fun Center
Cinzetti's Italian Market
Creative Awards
Hannah's Discount Liquors
Horizons North Credit Union
Lowe's Home Improvement
Mile High Thrift Store

Outstanding Business Longevity Award

Adams County Travel
Banks School Supply
Cakes by Karen
Cardenas Landscaping
Gold Plane Custom Cabinets
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
Gymnastics Unlimited
Horizons North Credit Union
Impressions Printing
JPD Auto
North/Western Electrical Corporation of Colorado
Northglenn Chiropractic Center
Northglenn Heating & A.C.
O'Meara Ford
Sheplers
Wells Fargo Bank

Outstanding Small Business Award (under 11 Employees)

Adams County Travel
Atlas Roofing Corporation
Big O Tires of Northglenn
Boardwalk Pizzeria
Cafe Mexico LLC
Cakes by Karen
Camp Bow Wow
Christopher & Banks
Creative Awards
El Mirador Mexican Restaurant
El Sabor Jerezano Restaurant
Fit Soldiers
Graphix Ltd.
JPD Auto
Mountain Man Nut & Fruit Co.
Northglenn Optometric Center
Old Wagon Antique Mall
Premier Automotive Repair
Roadmasters Auto and Tire Center
Santiago's Mexican Restaurant
Scales 'N Tails Exotic Reptile Pet Shop
Second Hand Kids
Tamale Kitchen Mexican Restaurant
Tito's Tint
TNT Bowling Pro Shop
Tug's Bar and Grill
The Glenn Bar & Grill

Outstanding Large Business Award (11+ Employees)

Albertsons Market
Applebee's
Atlanta Bread Company
Bed Bath & Beyond
Best Buy
Boondocks Fun Center
Brock & Company Certified Public Accountants
Cracker Barrel
Gunther Toody's Diner
Horizons North Credit Union
Lowe's Home Improvement
Metro Brokers Inc.
Mile High Thrift Store
Napa Auto Parts
Nationwide Fab, Inc.
Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage
New Windows for America
O'Meara Ford
PetSmart

Construction at 120th and Grant – Xcel Power Line Upgrades

Xcel Energy is working on enhancing the power lines that run underground from Interstate 25 down 120th Avenue to Grant Street, and cutting down south on Community Center Drive to Malley Drive. Crews are also relocating existing infrastructure to accommodate future redevelopment opportunities at 120th Avenue and Grant Street.

New Business Announcements

Command Concepts leased 3,100 square feet at 405 W. 115th Ave., Suite 3 and employs two people. The company provides emergency response products primarily for federal, state, and city law enforcement agencies, fire departments, military units, schools, and corporations nationally. For more information visit www.comandconcepts@aol.com.

Starbucks Coffee has built a new 480-square-foot drive-thru and walk-up facility at 200 W. 104th Street. The store is constructed with unique and innovative environmentally friendly materials. The Northglenn store is the second Starbucks location like this in the nation. The other is in Tukwila, Washington, a suburb of Seattle, and was a pilot project for this type of building. Starbucks plans on using this model for stores worldwide. The facility is manufactured in the United States using a reclaimed shipping container from China. Both the inside cabinets and flooring are constructed from recycled materials. The faucets, lighting, HVAC and food refrigeration are all environmentally-friendly. Even the spray insulation is soy based. They employ 10 people, and the hours of operation will be 10 am – 10 pm daily. In addition to Starbucks' array of beverages, they will serve light breakfast, lunch and snack items as well.

Sugar Bean Bakery, LLC leased 1,400 square feet at 2145 E. 120th Ave., Unit A. The company sells bakery goods, cookies, cakes, pastries, bagels, breads and coffee. They plan to open at the end of October and will be open Monday – Saturday from 7 AM – 6 PM. For more information please visit www.sugar-bean-bakery.com at 720-205-5790.

Business Expansion Project

Gayton Dance Studio has been in business for 37 years and employs eight people. They have been located in Northglenn since May 2009 at 2145 E. 120th Avenue, Unit B. The company is expanding their facility by 935 square feet. The expansion should be complete by the end of October. The new addition will be for its new *Hip-Hop Studio* called “Robin Gayton Swagg”. They have hundreds of students participating in classes weekly who range from three years old to college-aged. Their dance teams have performed at pre-show and half-times for the Ringley Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, the Nuggets, Harlem Globetrotters games, and many other headliners. They will also be participating in their 6th tour performing for the Royal Caribbean Cruise liners.

Grand Openings

Burger King Restaurant will be having a re-opening on **October 16th** to celebrate their completion of their major renovation project. Burger King is celebrating its 11th Anniversary at its Northglenn location at 650 120th Avenue, and employs 29 people. The project cost for interior and exterior improvements to the facility is estimated at \$360,000. The project includes landscaping, roofing, façade, signage, and major upgrades to the interior including kitchen, dining room and seating area improvements to the building.

Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Stewardship Center located at 11426 Pearl Street will have a Grand Opening/Open House on **Sunday, October 7, 2012**. The Open House will be from 8:00 am -1:00 pm. The IHM food bank serves approximately 400 families monthly and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am - 11:30 am. Food bank clients must live within the boundaries of 104th Avenue on the South, 160th Avenue to the North, I-25 to the West and Quebec Street to the East. For more information contact IHM at 303-452-2041.

New Storefront Business Summary

At the end of August, Northglenn had **897** total businesses. Of that total, **664** are storefronts and **233** are home occupations. Below is a year-to-date summary of new reported storefront businesses.

2012 YTD - New Storefront Businesses

Month Announced	New Storefront Businesses	New Employees	S/F Absorption
January	7	120	76,598
February	9	65	22,653
March	6	29	8,945
April	7	14	4,859
May	3	8	21,220
June	7	7	8,160
July	5	12	13,494
August	2	12	5,500
September	3	14	4,980
Totals	49	281	166,409

Note: Totals do not include temporary businesses.

Business Closures

The following two storefront businesses reported closing in September.

Company	Address	Start Date	Closed Date	#	of
Mandarin Gardens	10665 Melody Dr.	11/1/2007	Closed Business	4	
Bliss Tanning LLC	504 Malley Dr.	3/1/2012	Moved to Thornton	1	

Urban Renewal Plan Update

The Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA) has completed a new conditions study of the existing URA properties and potential new study areas. An Impact Report and new Northglenn Urban Renewal Plan are scheduled to be presented to council for review and adoption in late November. Below outlines upcoming meetings in November on this project. Additional information and timelines can be found at www.northglennurbanrenewal.org.

- **November 20, 2012** - *Present Impact Report & Urban Renewal Plan to Planning Commission*
Northglenn City Council Chambers – 7:00 PM
- **November 21, 2012**- *Public Informational & Input Meeting on Impact Report and Urban Renewal Plan*
Northglenn City Council Chambers – 6:00 PM
- **November 26, 2012** - *City Council Public Hearing to Adopt Urban Renewal Plan*
Northglenn City Council Chambers – 7:00 PM

Unemployment

The table below reflects the estimated labor force, employment, and unemployment information for August 2012. It reflects a **9.2%** unemployment rate which is a .5% decrease from the previous month (**127** less unemployment claims reported). The state unemployment rate in August also decreased by .5%, and Adams County’s rate decreased by .6%.

**August 2012
Employment Numbers**

Area	# Labor Force	# Employed	# Unemployed	% Unemployment Rate
Northglenn	20,034	18,200	1,834	9.2 %
Adams	232,005	211,775	20,230	8.7%
Colorado	2,732,971	2,520,338	212,633	7.8%

Source: Labor Market Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program - Not Seasonally Adjusted.

**August 2012
Adams County Unemployment Rate Comparison**

Area	% Unemployment Rate
Commerce City	9.9%
Brighton	9.6%
Aurora*	9.4%
Northglenn	9.2%
Arvada*	8.6%
Westminster*	8.3%
Thornton	8.0%

Source: Labor Market Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program - Not Seasonally Adjusted
*Note: Cities fall in more than one county. The unemployment % reflects only the Adams County number.

STAFF REFERENCE:

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