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Finding *Joy* Through Climate Action

Juniper, age 6, holds a mix of native Colorado wildflowers she made as part of an educational program at the Junkyard Social Club. When dispersed, the seeds will take root and blossom into pollinator-friendly wildflowers.



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CITY MANAGER

Each year, the Boulder Public Library brings Boulder together through the shared experience of reading and discussing the same book through its One Book One Boulder program. This year's selection is "The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World" by the 14th Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu and Douglas Abrams.

"The Book of Joy" explores how to find joy in the face of personal and global suffering—offering insights into the Eight Pillars of Joy and how to cultivate a more joy-filled, hopeful life. The book is based on conversations with legendary Nobel Prize winners, spiritual masters and moral leaders, His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

More info on One Book One Boulder can be found at boulderlibrary.org/one-book

Q&A with the City Manager on **Finding Joy**

Q: The author, informed by his conversations with Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama, distinguishes joy from happiness. Joy, he says, comes from within. Happiness is often based on external factors. How do you define joy?

A: I think of joy as a state of being, a sense of peace within oneself that allows one to be fully present in the smallest joyful moment and to help add perspective in those moments we all face of frustration, grief and loss.

Q: What parts of your job bring you the most joy?

A: Without a doubt, my interactions with people. Service to community – and I include staff in that broader definition of community – is what drives me. Grabbing a cup of coffee with a community member, stopping and talking to anyone who I happen to come across working in the field, learning more about why individuals feel passionate about what they do and what they need from the city organization – all of that brings joy in different ways even when the conversations are challenging. Knowing we had a hand in making someone's life better – there is no better sense of professional joy.

Q: How do you cultivate joy in your own life?

A: I have worked hard over the years on being present and on truly appreciating that which gives me a sense of connectedness, of wonder and of inner peace. I try to find and create moments of stillness to reflect and connect with my faith, to connect with nature, and to connect with my family and those friendships that wrap me up in love and acceptance.

Q: When do you find it the most difficult to hold onto joy, and what, if any, practices help you regain it?

A: On a personal level, I imagine I am not alone in saying it is hard to find joy when you've suffered loss. Having lost my father last summer, I am still reeling from it and yet find myself healing as I look for him within myself and all around me. It's amazing how close I still feel to him and find myself inadvertently smiling when there's a reminder of him throughout my day. In work, it is often challenging to find joy when one is struggling with a difficult, perhaps even divisive, issue. I try hard to step back and appreciate everyone's perspective and most often find that even in disagreement, people come to their perspectives from a place of wanting to make our community better. Keeping that in mind often helps bridge those moments where joy can be elusive.

And if all else fails, putting it all aside for a moment and being intentional about being present with my kids even for a moment – that tends to make everything fall in place for me.

Q: One of the city departments that handles some of our most heart-wrenching work, Housing and Human Services (HHS), has made “work with joy” its mantra for 2023. How might this drive positive outcomes?

A: I think that's truly amazing, and I am not at all surprised that it has come up in HHS. This team is so intentional about all they do and really do strive to find better outcomes for all in our community. My hope is that this focus will re-energize them for the work ahead, helping them find ways not just to move forward, but to do so with drive, passion and a renewed commitment to their work. It can be challenging to tackle the hard issues they take on every day without succumbing to a sense of hopelessness or burnout. When we see them prioritize joy, I hope the rest of us are inspired and galvanized to continue our own work with a similarly renewed sense of wonder and curiosity, sense of innovation, and sense of purpose for everyone we serve.

Finding Joy Through **Climate Action**

The climate crisis can stir up many emotions, from determination and care to anxiety and grief. It's also easy to feel like your actions don't matter, especially when there are big systems to change. In truth, all climate actions add up, but their impact isn't the only reason to act. Climate action also counteracts feelings of hopelessness and despair.

So, let's act because it feels good. Let's act because it's a way to cope with the crisis we are living through. Here are some ways to grow climate joy.

Reconnect with the living world. Spend time outdoors – whether in your backyard, at one of our local parks or on a trail. Go bird watching or wildflower searching. The more we pay attention to the living world around us, the more curious, compassionate and appreciative we become.

Practicing gratitude is a powerful way to find joy. Consider starting a gratitude journal or making a habit of thanking the living systems that make life possible.



Start a garden or backyard compost pile.

Get your hands in some soil and plant a garden. Watch the magic of microbes in your backyard pile as they turn your food scraps and lawn trimmings into soil that can nourish your garden.

Check out Eco-Cycle’s guide for backyard composting basics at

bldr.fyi/ecocycle-backyard-compost.

Find others who care and lean on them.

Talk with family, friends and neighbors about the climate crisis. Create safe spaces that allow you and others to share feelings about the present and future. These connections help deepen our sense of belonging and build collective courage to keep moving forward.

Volunteer. There are many local opportunities to take action and connect with people who want to make our planet a healthier, more just place. Attend a community science event hosted by Cool Boulder, or become an Eco-Cycle Eco-Leader and teach your neighbors about reuse.

Make your voice heard. Vote, join an activist group and write to your legislators. Enough voices can build a strong call to action that influences policy, business practices and our economic system.

Create and share art. Paint your emotions on a canvas. Share climate-inspired music and poetry at an open mic or submit nature photography to a local contest. Art brings people together, helps us grapple with complex emotions and visualize a better future.

Check out
Cool Boulder’s Calendar
for upcoming volunteer opportunities.



bldr.fyi/cool-boulder-calendar

Learn new skills. Learning how to use public transit, repair broken belongings and compost can be empowering and fun. You can also challenge yourself to try new recipes with plant-based ingredients or make homemade cleaning products from safe materials.

Have fun with it! Host a zero-waste party, go to farmers’ markets or hang clothes outside to dry. You’ll show off your style and save energy!

Remember, enjoying climate action is important for staying motivated. By finding joy, you’ll be more likely to stick with new habits and build a resilient community around you.



City Staff Supports Denver's Migrant Sheltering Efforts

In late 2022, Denver began seeing a significant number of migrant arrivals, which led it to issue an emergency declaration. With hundreds of migrants and asylum seekers seeking shelter over a short period, Denver's resources were severely pressured due to limited space and staffing.

In mid-January, the City of Boulder announced an opportunity for its staff to support our partners in Denver during its time of need. In the end, dozens of city employees stepped up to volunteer their time and were offered a stipend for their service.

"We recognize the migrant community is experiencing complex, difficult and challenging circumstances beyond what most of us can imagine," said Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde, Boulder city manager. "We are committed to supporting our local partners and fellow municipalities as they provide resources during this international humanitarian crisis."

Our neighboring municipalities have come to Boulder's aid many times during past disasters and emergencies in our community. The city was honored to return the favor to support Denver's migrant shelter operations.

Fostering a Welcoming Environment

Many staff shared that a desire to serve their community and foster a welcoming environment for migrants who had faced various hardships on their journey to Denver, was a main motivator.

"By providing a smile, a wave or a handshake, I could convey a welcoming feeling toward those who just risked their lives to come here," said Lynette Badasarian.

Patrick Harbert said the migrants may very well not have had a warm and welcoming experience when they arrived at the border, and he wanted to remedy that: "I wanted to help bring positive, kind, welcoming representation for our region, state and country."

For some, their connections to migrant and immigrant communities influenced their decision to volunteer.

"As a migrant myself, I can relate to the complex and multilayered drivers that make someone leave their homeland, their families and their roots behind," said Ingrid Castro-Campos. "[Supporting these individuals] is a shared responsibility. I want to keep contributing to solutions that address immediate needs and focus on creating long-lasting impacts."

Strength & Resilience

Volunteers spoke about the strength, resilience and gratitude of the migrants staying at the shelters. Many were deeply impacted by stories the migrants shared about the arduous journey.

"News reports and articles highlighted some experiences of migrants, but to hear it from the perspective of a human being stood out to me," said Devyn Palm-Trujillo. "These peoples' motivation for this journey is pure love, most trying to find work to support their families back at home."

Badasarian said the migrants were especially gracious when provided with clothing and supplies, and many City of Boulder staff said they were grateful to bring dignity and respect to those seeking shelter.

Becoming Part of Our Community

Another highlight for those who volunteered was the eagerness of the new arrivals to provide a helping hand at the shelters and their desire to become part of our community.

Devin Saunders did not expect the pure kindness, excitement, happiness and helpfulness of the migrants themselves. "Everyone was so happy to be there, to be fed, to be clothed, to have a new opportunity at life. Many of the folks even went around the shelter to clean up, sweep, mop or do other 'chores' to show their thankfulness. These folks truly are doing whatever they can to create a better life for themselves and their families."

Patrick Harbert was blown away by the general vibe of positivity and optimism. "Everyone was friendly, grateful, and very gracious with my poor Spanish. The eagerness to contribute was amazing. We had a small job fair and there were so many folks that couldn't wait to get to work," he noted.

When asked about their time volunteering, staff repeatedly reflected that they were grateful to be able to honor and support those seeking shelter and were thankful that the city gave them the flexibility to donate their time in

this way.

"Overall, the experience was phenomenal and quite humbling," said Devin Saunders. "I am so thankful to the City of Boulder and our city manager for providing us this phenomenal opportunity to not only care for our neighbors but also for humanity."

An Ongoing Challenge

In addition to sharing the positives of their experience, many volunteers reflected on the challenges we face both locally and nationally as we work to support those coming to the United States.

"There are simply not enough resources for any city or municipality to provide the highest level of care possible for unexpected migrant arrivals," said Saunders.

Castro-Campos said migrants may also be unprepared for the cultural shock, language barriers and resource navigation challenges they will face when the shelters close.

Others noted the lack of mental health services available to migrants, and the need to train volunteers to handle mental health crises. We recognize this is an ongoing challenge in the months and years to come.

Fireworks & Open Burning

The City of Boulder reminds our community that fireworks and open burning are not allowed within city limits at any time, including Fourth of July weekend.

It is illegal in the city of Boulder to use or possess fireworks of any kind. In addition, there is no open burning allowed within the city limits of Boulder at any time. This permanent burn ban includes portable outdoor fire pits and burning piles, or bonfires of any size (or type) of flammable material.

To report a code violation with safety concerns, please call the City of Boulder non-emergency dispatch number at 303-441-3333. For emergencies, please call 911.

More info: bldr.fyi/open-burning



Getting Around Town with **Clean Energy**

The city strives to create a sustainable transportation system that improves public health instead of contributing to the climate crisis. By electrifying our local bus fleet, supporting walkable neighborhoods and building multimodal infrastructure, we aim to make it easy and convenient to choose cleaner ways to travel.

Here are five ways to get around town with clean energy.

Bike, Walk or Roll



Boulder is consistently rated as one of the most bike- and pedestrian-friendly cities in the country. Experience more than 150 miles of bike-friendly infrastructure.

Borrow a Shared E-Bike or E-Scooter



Find shared electric micromobility options across town. These smaller-scale travel choices help reduce car trips and provide first- and last-mile connections around the city, including to and from transit stops. Use your Boulder Public Library card to check out a shared e-bike for free.

Hop on a Zero-Emission Electric Bus



Ride the HOP bus to get around downtown. Three of our HOP buses are zero-emission electric buses. By 2030, our entire local HOP bus fleet will be fully electric, helping us operate more quietly, sustainably and with five times more fuel efficiency than before.

Charge an Electric Vehicle for Free



Find over 52 free public charging ports at city facilities, including Chautauqua, the recreation centers and parks. Additionally, find paid public charging ports at downtown parking garages and businesses across town.

Stay Tuned for E-Bike Incentives



This year, the city will offer e-bike incentives to encourage personal e-bike adoption and to better understand the role e-bikes play in advancing Boulder's climate and transportation goals.

Find more sustainable resources to get around town at bldr.fyi/transportation-climate.



Our team is growing!
The City of Boulder is hiring
Explore career opportunities at:
bouldercolorado.gov/work-for-boulder



State of The Urban Forest Report Shows **Tipping Point of Our Urban Canopy**

We have a symbiotic relationship with trees - we need them and they need us. However, Boulder's urban tree canopy is at a tipping point.

An urban tree canopy is a layer of leaves and tree branches that provide shade and cover for the ground below. Ours has decreased from 2013 to 2020. Losses due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and other pests, severe weather events, and other causes have outpaced new planting and growth. According to the State of the Urban Forest report, we could lose up to 25% of our urban canopy to EAB and other pest species, such as the drippy blight currently attacking mature red oaks.

Boulder's Parks and Recreation Department (BPR) recently completed a State of the Urban Forest Report, which outlines how the urban canopy is doing and how additional funding and resources can more fully implement the Forestry team's goals and plans. BPR's Forestry team works hard to ensure the 50,000 public trees in our urban canopy thrive despite environmental and man-made threats.

The report outlines priorities so we can achieve our vision of a resilient and sustainable urban forest. It also includes images contributed by community members, infographics and interactive maps.

State of the Urban Forest Report



bldr.fyi/urban-forest-report

Addressing Homelessness in Boulder

A Nationwide Challenge

Homelessness is a multifaceted issue that challenges communities across the nation. In December 2022, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development released the 2022 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report, which estimated that about 582,500 people experienced homelessness in the United States on any given night in 2022. Colorado and the Denver Metro area have seen a significant increase in those who experience homelessness in recent years. Like most social policy issues, this problem is complex and the answers are not simple or quick.

Boulder's Approach

In 2017, the City of Boulder approved a comprehensive Homelessness Strategy built around the belief that all Boulder community members should have the opportunity for a safe and stable place to live. The strategy expands pathways to permanent housing and increases access to programs and services.

Learn more about the city's Homelessness Strategy at:



bldr.fyi/HomelessnessStrategy

Research demonstrates that we can make a difference for people experiencing homelessness by focusing on root causes and the core issue of housing. Evidence suggests that getting individuals into housing as quickly as possible results in the best outcomes for people experiencing homelessness, as well as

the communities around them. Ongoing efforts to develop permanently affordable housing and prevent homelessness in the community are critical components of Boulder's Homelessness Strategy.

Making an Impact

Key recent successes in Boulder include:

- » More than 1,600 individuals in the City of Boulder have transitioned from homeless to housed since October 2017.
- » By the end of 2022, nearly 4,000 homes in the city, over 8% of all housing units, were designated as permanently affordable.
- » In 2022, evictions were prevented in 70% of cases at eviction court for those who participated in the city's Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance Services program.
- » Distributed \$850,957 in rental assistance to help keep families housed.
- » More than 150 new homes for individuals exiting chronic homelessness are in various stages of development. These homes will become available over the next two years.

While these successes should be celebrated, there's more work to be done. Within our community, we still find people camping under bridges, in parks and on open space. We've seen a dramatic increase in individuals experiencing homelessness who are new to our community, with a reluctance for services and a growing level of substance use disorders.

We need to continue to build upon the current strategies, including progress on residential programs for people with substance use disorders; increased mental health support; and programs that build authentic community support and inclusion. Our work must continue to focus on solutions that prevent and help people out of homelessness.

Expanding the Safety Net of Services

The city supports unhoused community members by leveraging a tapestry of services to help people exit homelessness.

Learn more about these services at bldr.fyi/HomelessnessServices.

Over the last year, the city has been working to implement three new projects to further support the unhoused community on their path to stable housing.

Building Home

Building Home is designed to support community members in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). PSH provides long-term housing rental assistance and supportive services to people who are experiencing chronic homelessness. Building Home:

- » Improves housing retention for people in PSH
- » Reduces feelings of isolation for people who have been recently housed
- » Builds community for people who have experienced chronic homelessness
- » Addresses negative or unhealthy behavior before it leads to eviction

Components of Building Home include peer support, daytime programming and a housing retention team. Peer support and daytime programming match individuals with lived experience in homelessness and at least one year of stable housing with people who have been in PSH for fewer than two years. Services are designed to assist participants in socialization, housing program navigation and life skills.

The housing retention team provides mental health and homelessness case management professionals to help address individuals' barriers to housing retention.

Homelessness Day Services Center

The Homelessness Day Services Center will serve as a welcoming and inclusive space,

where individuals experiencing homelessness can engage with service providers in a single location. The center will aim to build a sense of healthy community; meet people where they are on their housing journey; replace unproductive habits with productive habits; and provide participants with a path to housing.

In early 2023, Boulder Shelter for the Homeless (BSH) expressed interest in operating a day services center in Boulder. The city is working with BSH to explore a formal agreement for them to operate the Homelessness Day Services Center. Once a contract is signed, BSH will determine operating hours and work with community organizations to provide an array of services.

Based on preferred criteria collected from community engagement in August 2022, the city evaluated various properties for the location of the center. In mid-April, the city identified a location for the Homelessness Day Services Center. The city and BSH will meet with neighbors of the center to explore its operations and services. This conversation will inform a management plan for the center.

The Homelessness Day Services Center is slated to open in the later this year.

Learn more about this project at bldr.fyi/DayServices.

Project Recovery

Recognizing that homelessness is a regional issue, the Cities of Boulder and Longmont, in partnership with Boulder County, formed Homeless Solutions for Boulder County. Through this collaboration, the city has worked to expand housing opportunities and supportive services to help those with barriers to housing stability, such as addiction.

In 2021, Boulder County secured funding to implement Project Recovery in partnership with Tribe Recovery, a leader in home-based recovery and peer support services. The project aims to end the cycle of incarceration; support recovery; reduce crime and recidivism; and create a safer community by offering substance-use recovery homes throughout Boulder County.

Evidence shows people can more successfully address other problems (i.e., employment, mental health, addiction) once they are stably housed. Within the recovery homes, participants will receive robust services; high-quality clinical and case management; and support from peer navigators while they work through their treatment plan and goals.

Project Recovery will increase public safety by reducing the cycle of homelessness, substance use and incarceration, as well as the societal costs of substance abuse. This structure also helps increase housing and employment retention.

This program will establish recovery homes across Boulder County to serve those being diverted or released from detention. The goal for each home is to house six to eight people at a time, with individuals typically transitioning

out in four to five months. The city's role in Project Recovery is to provide resources for the purchase of a home in the city of Boulder. The first home is expected to open this year.

Learn more about Project Recovery at bldr.fyi/ProjectRecovery.

This article shares information available through mid-April 2023.



911 Technology Upgrade Allows

Livestreaming with Callers

If you have an emergency that demands the aid of 911, you can now help dispatchers and first responders by livestreaming video for them to see from your phone.

The program, called Prepared 911, lets dispatchers text a link to a 911 caller's mobile phone, which callers must approve, to allow a dispatcher to view live video from the caller's phone. Dispatch can switch between the front and back cameras, but cannot see or do anything else on a caller's phone. The caller can end the livestream at any time. Videos are saved in Prepared 911's cloud. Dispatchers can take screenshots to help first responders identify a suspect or become better oriented.



"Prepared 911 takes out some of the guesswork in what's happening during a public safety incident," said Communications Manager Brad Rigglin. "Callers giving dispatchers the ability to see what they're seeing in real time will help us better describe suspects, locations and what's going on as police, fire and EMS are actively responding to the scene."

This new technology also allows dispatchers to send a location request to someone's phone to help find them if they don't know or can't say where they are.

The City of Boulder has offered a 911 texting option since 2017. If you're feeling unsafe and cannot make a voice call, simply text 911 to reach a dispatcher.

What's Up Boulder?

Let's shape our future together!

Love Boulder?

Chat with staff at this community event on projects and services happening now and in the future.



Sept. 10
1 - 3:30 p.m.

Foothills Community Park
and along the path to the
future park on Violet Avenue



This family-friendly event includes:

- Free entertainment
- Free food
- Quick conversations
- Walks with Council

Neighborhood Connection Grants

It's back! The Neighborhood Connection Grant Program has returned to the City of Boulder's Neighborhood Services. Some familiar grant programs—like the Spark Grant and Block Party Grant—have returned, along with new grants that will fund programming.

Neighborhood Services invites community members to apply for funding for projects that align with the following goals:

- » Increase opportunities for neighbors to meet and get to know each other
- » Provide community-building resources to under-resourced neighborhoods
- » Enhance community resilience, healing and joy through personal connections



To learn more about these grants or apply today, visit bldr.fyi/neighborhood-grants.



Meet Your **Neighborhood Liaison**



My name is **Edgar Chavarría**, and I am your newest neighborhood liaison with the City of Boulder. I began my role in September 2022. My position is designed to help you navigate city departments; build community in your neighborhood; and connect to city issues and projects that impact you. For more information about our programs and resources, check out neighborhood services at bldr.fyi/neighborhood-services.

I am excited to be back in the community I call home. I grew up in Boulder and have spent most of my life in and around the city. I feel lucky to be part of a wonderful city staff and also to be back in a community with such passionate and dedicated community members. Boulder is a unique place that has many opportunities to create a more equitable and inclusive community, and I am so fortunate to be part of this effort.

After three years, neighborhood office hours will return as well. My goal is to have regular locations around the city where I spend two hours working and visiting with whoever wants to drop by each month. There is no agenda; I'm happy to discuss anything. The office hours are proving to be a good opportunity for me to put boots on the ground in our subcommunities, as well as meet residents who have specific topics on their mind or want to join whatever discussion organically arises.

More details will be available soon on our neighborhood services website available at bldr.fyi/neighborhood-services.

Looking forward to seeing you around Boulder!

Edgar

Hike Every Boulder Trail

We know our community enjoys loves hiking our Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) trails. But have you experienced them all?

If you're looking for a new challenge, consider Open Space and Mountain Parks' Trails Challenge to hike every trail in the city's 155-mile system. Download this one-page checklist to hang on your fridge and document your progress: bldr.fyi/osmp-trails-challenge.

Or consider a different Trails Challenge that better suits your interests. Open Space and Mountain Parks has several Trail Challenges to help our community enjoy our shared public lands, including:

- » **Mileage Goal:** Pick a number. Maybe, 100, 200, 300 or 500? Set a trail mileage goal, and hike whatever trail feels right.
- » **Hike a Week:** Get in a hike every week. Put all 52 of them on your calendar.
- » **Accessible Adventure:** Hike all the trails listed in OSMP's Accessible Trails Guide.
- » **Rite of Passage:** Hike all the trails with your child. It's a great way to spend quality time and to get to know your city.

When you complete your challenge, stop by the Chautauqua Ranger Cottage at 900 Baseline Road in Boulder and claim your Trails Challenge pin! Aside from bragging rights and a sense of accomplishment, the Trails Challenge pin is a memento of your experience in our shared open space. Learn more about Open Space and Mountain Parks' Trail Challenge at bldr.fyi/osmp-trails-challenge.

When tackling your Trails Challenge, remember these responsible recreation tips:

- » **Know before you go:** Learn about Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks before you step on the trail. Visit bouldercolorado.gov and get informed about what awaits you on the trails.
- » **Know your limits:** Consider the type of activity you are planning, and don't take unnecessary risks.
- » **Create a plan:** Look at the weather forecast. Download a trail map and carry a print map. Plan for adverse weather or emergencies. Visit osmptrails.org to see city open space trails.
- » **Charge your phone:** Make sure your phone is charged in case of emergency. But remember: cell service may be limited in mountain locations.
- » **Pack for changing conditions:** Bring enough food and water. Wear appropriate clothing and shoes.
- » **Stay alert:** Be aware of what's in front and around you; the outdoors are changing environments, and natural hazards may exist. Call 911 in an emergency, such as a fire or if you see smoke. Try texting 911 if you don't have enough cell service to make a phone call.

New Compost Rules, Explained

Our region's compost manufacturer, A1 Organics, has changed what materials it accepts from communities along the Front Range. These changes aim to reduce contamination and improve the quality of compost made from the contents of our curbside bins.

Your compost bin is a soil maker. Sort thoughtfully to help make clean, healthy compost that we're proud to put in our gardens.

Tip #1: Keep these items out of your compost bin – they belong in the trash.

- » Compostable cups, plates, utensils, straws and to-go containers – even if they say “certified compostable.”
- » Most bags, including large (more than three gallons) certified compostable bags used to line bins.
- » Please keep plastic bags out.

Tip #2: Put these items in your compost bin:

- » **Food scraps:** including meat, bones, dairy, coffee grounds and eggshells.
- » **Plants and yard trimmings:** including leaves, twigs, flowers and grass.

Tip #3: What about lawn and leaf bags?

- » Some waste haulers are still collecting large, brown paper bags used for leaves. These bags must be left next to your compost bin. Check with your waste hauler for more information.



Tip #4: Skip compost bags and save money.

- » If your bin gets stinky, give it a rinse and pour the water directly onto your yard.
- » Help protect our waterways by not dumping water with food and soap into the street. Storm drains lead directly to local creeks.

Tip #5: Swap disposables for reusables! The best way to prevent waste is to not create it.

- » Use cloth napkins and towels instead of paper products.
- » Carry a reusable water bottle, shopping bag and set of utensils with you. Keep these items in your backpack, bike bag or car for easy access on the go.
- » Have your takeout packed in returnable DeliverZero containers. Visit deliverzero.com to find participating Boulder businesses.



Nine Ways to Save Water This Summer

- 1**



USE THE HALF FLUSH RESERVOIR OF THE TOILET

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- 2**



REPAIR LEAKS IN THE WATER SYSTEM

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- 3**



USE A GLASS OF WATER WHEN BRUSHING YOUR TEETH

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- 4**



FILL THE BATHTUB HALFWAY

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- 5**



REDUCE THE TIME IT TAKES TO SHOWER

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- 6**



TURN THE WATER OFF WHEN BRUSHING YOUR TEETH

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- 7**



WASH WITH A FILLED SINK

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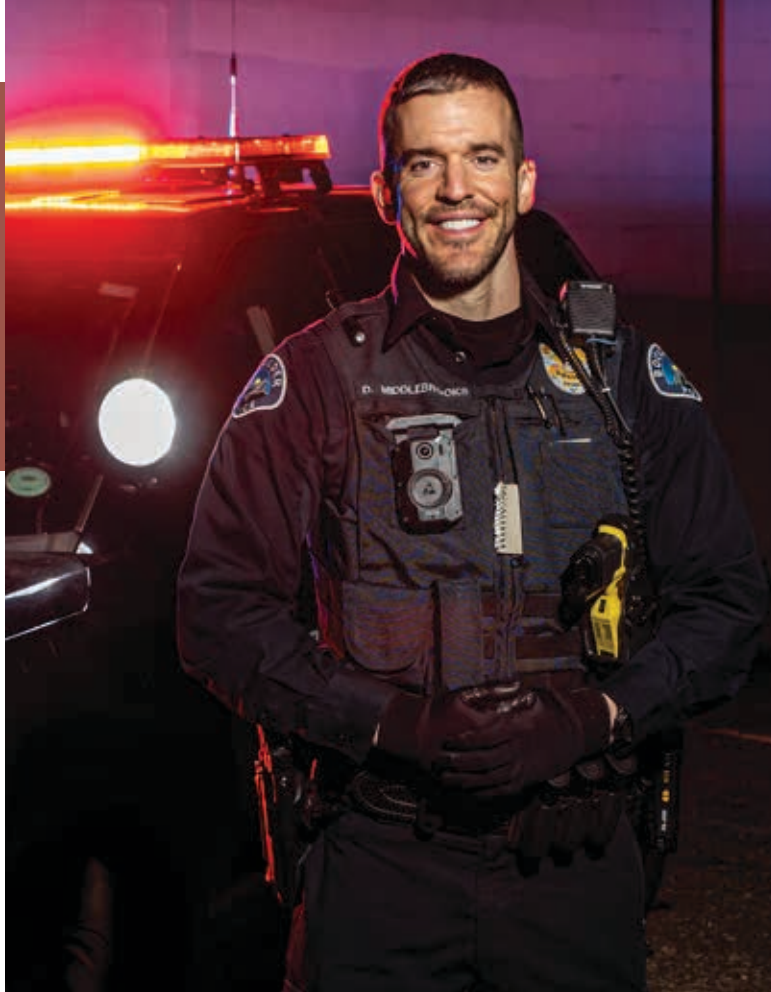
WASH WITH A FULL WASHING MACHINE

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WASH WITH A FULL DISHWASHER

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A Day in the Life of a **Boulder Police Officer**

It's not often what it looks like on TV.

Take Officer David Middlebrooks, for example. He started a recent shift in briefing with his fellow officers, learning about the night's previous calls and preparing for the day ahead.

Moments later, he was rushing to help an elderly woman who was choking on food. The 70-year-old stopped breathing and lost consciousness.

Officer Middlebrooks arrived with Officer Richard Steidell minutes later

and quickly began life-saving efforts. That included using their AED and starting CPR, which dislodged the food. The woman began to breathe again. Their quick response saved the woman's life, and they continued to care for her until paramedics arrived.

OK—now that you might see on TV. But this next part? Probably not.

Officer Middlebrooks was familiar with the address, as police had been called there a few times in the past to help with family dynamics and manage disagreements. Though officers determined no crimes had occurred, the struggle between the teenage boy and his mom festered.

After another call there the day before, Officer Middlebrooks came back to talk to the teen.

"I returned to the home and took him to lunch," Officer Middlebrooks says, "where we discussed his life, his goals and how he plans to reach them."

A colleague who read this note, which was buried at the end of Officer Middlebrooks' report, said, "I believe this act goes above and beyond the standard duties of an officer."

Officer Middlebrooks took the time to reach out to a kid who has very little support, if any at all, and show not only concern but compassion."

There are many ways officers serve the Boulder community, and every day is different. Spending time with young people and serving as a role model might not make the news, but it goes a long way in building relationships and making the world a better place. For Officer Middlebrooks, it's another day in his life proudly serving as one of your Boulder Police officers.



BoulderPark

Here's the Deal



Parking changes are coming, but we'll let you in on the best deals in town.

Small Change

Starting in 2023, street parking in downtown Boulder will cost 50 cents more per hour in and around popular areas. Parking throughout the rest of the city will remain the same price per hour.

Wheel & Deal

Looking for the best bargain in town? Pull into one of the city's five public parking garages. You'll find plenty of parking spaces and lower daily prices. Many downtown businesses also validate garage parking. Be sure to ask!



LEARN MORE ABOUT PARKING CHANGES AND ALL OF THE AREAS AFFECTED AT BOULDERPARKING.COM

Upcoming Changes to

City of Boulder Elections

Over the next several years, multiple voter-initiated changes are coming to City of Boulder elections. One of the first changes happens this November, with ranked choice voting for mayor.

In 2020, the committee Our Mayor, Our Choice successfully put forth a ballot measure to change the way the city of Boulder elects its mayor. Historically, the mayor has been elected through nominations and votes cast by City Council. However, in the 2020 general election, over 78% of voters in the city of Boulder voted in favor of having registered voters decide their mayor through ranked choice voting.

Ranked choice voting allows voters to rank election contest candidates in order of preference when there are three or more candidates. For contests with a single winner, this method is sometimes referred to as instant-runoff voting.

The City of Boulder contracts with the Boulder County Clerk and Recorder to conduct municipal elections. City staff are working closely with county staff to support their efforts to carry out our first ranked choice election. In the coming months, we will have more information on how the process works and what to expect.

Starting in 2026, the City of Boulder will transition to even-year elections for all municipal candidate races. To transition to even-year elections, the term length for both the mayor and City Council members elected in the 2023 fall election will be three years instead of two and four respectively. These changes were voter-initiated by the passage of Measure 2E in November 2022.



Ranked Choice Voting

1. What if There are Only Two Candidates?

- » There must be at least three candidates to use ranked choice voting. If there are two candidates, the winner shall be whoever receives over 50% of the vote.

2. How are the Votes Counted?

- » During the first round of tabulation, the voting system must tabulate the first-choice ranks on each ballot. A candidate who receives over 50% of the first-choice ranks for a contest across all ballots tabulated is the winning candidate, and the voting system must stop tabulating any further rounds.
- » If no candidate receives over 50% of the first-choice ranks for a contest across all ballots, tabulated the voting system must continue to the next round of tabulation. At the beginning of the next round of tabulation, the candidate with the fewest first-choice ranks in the prior round is eliminated, and the eliminated candidate's votes are transferred to each ballot's next-ranked continuing candidate and tabulated.

3. Will I Know the Winner on Election Night?

- » It typically takes at least 1-3 days following an election to process the mail ballots that are turned in by the 7 p.m. deadline. Unofficial election results begin posting at 7 p.m. on election night at [BoulderCountyVotes.gov](https://www.bouldercountyvotes.gov).

What Do You Imagine for the Future of Our Recreation Centers?

Boulder's three recreation centers are aging, and to keep them in good shape for the long-term for our community, they will need significant investment in the near future.

Help Boulder's Parks and Recreation Department imagine the future of these buildings and our high-quality recreation system. Right now, we are exploring creative financial solutions to fund recreation center renovations. Those results will determine the next steps and timing for future recreation center plans in 2024 and beyond.

Future actions for the three recreation center buildings could range from continued investment in the current state of the building to significant renovation and retrofit work.

We're just getting started in this process, so thanks for your help as we imagine the future of our recreation centers!

Learn More About the Project at



bldr.fyi/future-rec



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**City of Boulder
Parks & Recreation**

**Apply at
BPRjobs.org**



Guide to Summer

JUNE

Summer of Discovery: Our Connected World, Wednesday, June 1

All ages reading programs and activities

From June 1 – July 31, challenge yourself to read more this summer with Boulder Public Library's "Summer of Discovery" reading challenge. Sign up today at any library location, online, or using the Beanstack app.

Boulder Jewish Festival Sunday, June 4, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Pearl Street Mall

Join the free one-day celebration of Jewish arts and culture at this year's Boulder Jewish Festival. The family-friendly event will feature live entertainment, fine art, food, community organizations and activities for all ages.

Boulder County Pride Month, June

Various locations

Celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and its allies at events and celebrations coordinated by Out Boulder County throughout the month of June, including the Boulder Pride Festival on Sunday, June 11, from 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., at Boulder Central Park.

Walk and Bike Month, June 1 – 30

Various locations

A month-long celebration of events promoting walking and biking in Boulder. Throughout June, Boulder community members of all ages and abilities are encouraged to walk, bike, and ride transit for daily trips. Register for Boulder's Bike to Work Day on Wednesday, June 28.

Concerts in the Parks

Mondays, June 12 – July 31, 7 p.m.

Various locations

The city's Parks and Recreation Department partners with Boulder Concert Band to provide music in the parks. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the parks with your family.

Bands on the Bricks

Wednesdays, June 14 – Aug. 2, 5:30 p.m.

Pearl Street Mall

Enjoy performances from the best local musicians along the Front Range while dancing under the stars—a not-to-be-missed summer tradition with eight weeks of free concerts.

Arts in the Park, June and July

Glen Huntington Bandshell

The City of Boulder is proud to present a handful of signature performances each season. Join us this season for performances from the Boulder Ballet, Boulder Opera, Boulder Symphony, and Boulder Philharmonic.



2023 Events

Boulder County Farmers Market Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Wednesdays, 4 – 8 p.m.

East Bookend at Boulder's Civic Area, 13th Street

Check out Boulder's premier producer-only farmers market, featuring more than 150 local vendors hosting the longest market season in Colorado.

JULY

Folsom Field's Independence Day Spectacle: A Night Sky Drone Show Tuesday, July 4

Folsom Field

A whole new experience for Boulder's 2023 4th of July celebration! Join us at Folsom Field to experience Boulder's first night sky drone show in place of traditional fireworks. More info at boulder4thofjuly.com.

Tube to Work Day Friday, July 14, 7:15 a.m.

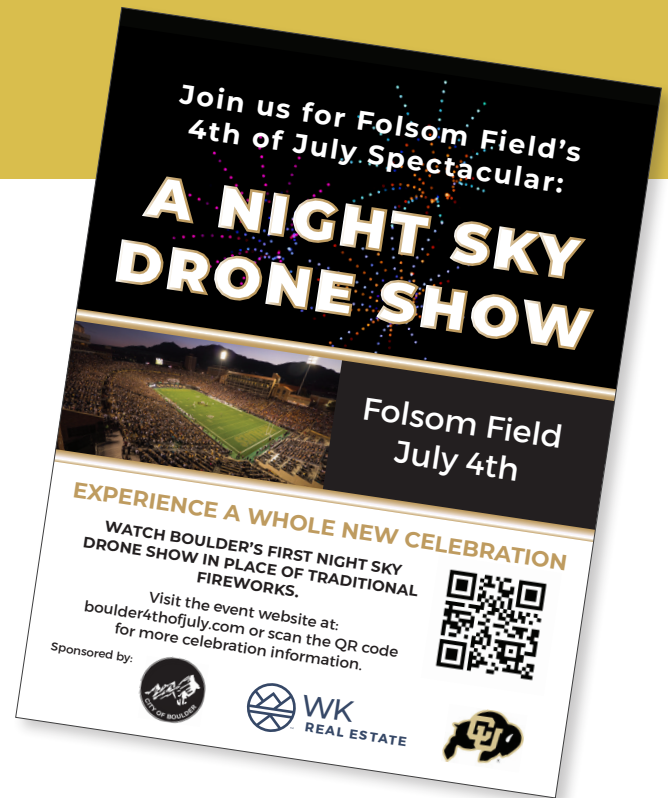
Eben G. Fine Park

Join the World's Greatest Traffic Jam at this year's Tube to Work Day. Grab an inner tube and helmet for an early morning float down Boulder Creek. Enjoy hot coffee, a lite breakfast and a DJ dance party at Boulder Central Park. Learn more at tubetoworkday.com.

Pearl Street Arts Fest, July 14 – 16, 2023

1300 block of Pearl

A celebration of visual art in Downtown Boulder, the 42nd Annual Pearl Street Arts Fest includes a variety of art, from whimsical and modern sculptures to traditional watercolors, oils and more.



AUGUST

Boulder Taco Fest Saturday, Aug. 26, noon – 7 p.m.

Boulder Civic Area and Main Boulder Public Library lawn

The best tacos from top restaurants and food trucks, a curated list of craft breweries, tequila tasting, high-flying Luchadores, awesome live bands, and lots of free fun for the kiddos. Tickets required.

Great Boulder Duck Race Sunday, Aug. 27, 10 – 11 a.m.

Scott Carpenter Pool's lazy river

The PLAY Boulder Foundation is proud to host this beloved community event. The Great Boulder Duck Race event will raise funds for the PLAY Boulder Foundation's ongoing work to support excellence in parks and recreation in Boulder. Ducks are available to sponsor!

For more information about summer events in Boulder, visit bldr.fyi/summer-guide.

What's Next at **Alpine-Balsam**

Deconstruction of the Boulder Community Health hospital is nearing completion. Steel from the hospital will be used on several city projects, including the new Fire Station 3, which is under construction.

Implementation work on the Alpine-Balsam site is in full swing, in partnership with Boulder Housing Partners, which will be developing housing on the site. Flood mitigation, access and mobility are also in the works. In the coming months, we will reach out for community input on what types of services the community wants at Alpine-Balsam.

For upcoming engagement opportunities visit bldr.fyi/AlpineBalsam.



Connect with **Planning & Development Services**



Whether you are new to the city, new to developing or remodeling, or just need a quick answer on how to obtain a permit, rental or contractor license, the city's Planning and Development Services (P&DS) online and in-person resources can help you find what you need.

P&DS offers in-person appointments, walk-in hours at the Customer Service Hub, at 1101 Arapahoe Ave., and our full suite of services virtually. Customers can now more easily find answers through online tools and connect more quickly with staff who are most knowledgeable about their query.

To connect with staff and navigate our virtual services, please visit boulderplandevop.net.

Boulder Cone Zones

The City of Boulder manages projects that may impact travel, ranging from major street and multi-use path reconstruction to sidewalk repairs to park and ditch maintenance to water main breaks and outages.

To view current projects, visit bldr.fyi/conezones.



Phase 2 Project Update for Boulder Junction

Have you heard about all the great things happening in Boulder Junction? Boulder Junction is a 160-acre area located in the geographic center of Boulder, around 30th Street, Pearl Street, Valmont Road and Foothills Parkway. We are working on Phase 2 of the project, which focuses on the east side of the area.

The project looks at the Transit Village Area Plan's vision for Boulder Junction and will gather community feedback on potential changes to the current plan related to land use, mobility, urban design and character and more.



Here's what some folks who live, work or own businesses in Boulder Junction have to say about the area:

Wayde Jester - Owner, Zeal Boulder

"I moved the business to the Boulder Junction area because we identified this area as in the path of growth. Now that we're here, you can on a daily basis... see the evolution of that growth. We've got a new community feel to Boulder Junction."



Ian Swallow - Senior Development Project Manager, Boulder Housing Partners

"We're surrounded by market rate housing, and we really wanted these buildings to, not only, fit in but be indistinguishable as affordable housing... Whenever we're designing communities, public art is always something we think is really important for a sense of ownership and a sense of community. As you walk around the 30 Pearl neighborhood you'll notice public art on the buildings, and in public areas."



Adriana Paola Palacios Luna - City Of Boulder Community Connector & Artist

Lives in Boulder Junction

"Knowing that it is safe for your kids to be around by themselves and to go to the bike paths and they'll be safe is a very important part."

Hear more stories from Boulder Junction, and learn more about the Phase 2 project at bldr.fyi/BJP2.



A September to Remember

2023 marks the 10th anniversary of the devastating flood which ravaged the Colorado Front Range in September 2013. As we look back, we find countless stories of resilience shared by Boulder community members as neighbors helped neighbors and our community showed its strength as we worked to rebuild. Throughout “flood season” 2023 (April - September) we will remember those stories, how far we have come and what remains to be done as we continue toward a resilient Boulder.

Be Prepared

Be Vigilant

Be Safe



Don't Be Caught Off Guard - Be Prepared!



Make an Emergency Kit



Get Flood Insurance



Sign Up for Emergency Alerts at:

Boco911alert.com



Visit boulderfloodinfo.net for more information.

Food Tax Rebate Application Period Closes June 30



Submit your application for the annual Food Tax Rebate Program by Friday, June 30. Each year, the City of Boulder provides rebates to help compensate residents with lower incomes for the city sales tax they pay on food. This year, rebates will be \$99 for individuals and \$302 for families.

Learn more about eligibility and apply at boulderfoodtaxrebate.com.

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Stay Informed

Whether in print, on TV or online, there are many ways to stay up to date on the latest Boulder news and information. The City of Boulder Communication and Engagement Department strives to share the latest information about your local government in a variety of different ways so you can choose the method that works best for you.

VISIT THE CITY NEWSROOM



The City of Boulder's online newsroom is a one-stop destination for the latest city news and information, including articles, news releases, photos and videos.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



The City of Boulder is active on a variety of social media platforms. Follow the city or topic-specific accounts for news, photos, event information and more.

SIGN UP FOR CITY E-NEWSLETTERS



Sign up for electronic newsletters to stay up to date on popular topics, including city planning, climate, open space, parks and recreation, and more.

WATCH BOULDER 8 TV



Boulder 8 TV is the city's government broadcasting station. Watch online at bldr.fyi/watch-council or on Comcast for live City Council meetings and a weekly news show.

READ THE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Boulder's award-winning community newsletter keeps community members informed about city projects, plans and news. It is mailed to city residents twice a year and can be accessed online.

LISTEN TO CITY PODCASTS



City stories, on the go. The City of Boulder produces two podcasts: Let's Talk Boulder and Somos Boulder.



Let's Talk Boulder is the city's new podcast exploring our community, one conversation at a time. Download and subscribe wherever you get your podcasts. Learn more and listen at bldr.fyi/podcasts.

Explicación de las nuevas reglas de compostaje

La empresa de compostaje de nuestra área, A1 Organics, ha cambiado la lista de materiales aceptables procedentes de las comunidades del Front Range. Estos cambios pretenden reducir la contaminación y mejorar la calidad del compost elaborado a partir del contenido de los contenedores.

Su contenedor de compost ayuda a producir suelo. Clasifique sus residuos con cuidado para lograr un compost limpio y saludable que usemos con satisfacción en nuestros jardines.

Tip #1: No meta estos productos en su contenedor de compost - échelos a la basura.

- » Ponga vasos, platos, cubiertos, popotes y recipientes para llevar compostables en la basura, aunque diga "certified compostable (certificado como compostable)".
- » La mayoría de bolsas no están permitidas, incluidas las grandes (de más de tres galones) certificadas como compostables que se usan dentro de los contenedores.
- » Por favor, no meta bolsas de plástico.

Tip #2: Ponga los siguientes artículos en su contenedor de compost:

- » **Restos de alimentos:** como carne, huesos, productos lácteos, café y cáscaras de huevo.
- » **Restos de plantas y desechos de jardín:** como hojas, ramitas, flores y hierbas.

Tip #3: ¿Qué hacemos con las bolsas grandes de papel para hojas y restos de vegetación?

- » Algunas empresas de recogida de residuos todavía aceptan las bolsas grandes de papel café para hojas. Estas bolsas hay que colocarlas junto al contenedor de compost. Para más información, hable con la empresa de recogida de residuos de su zona.
- » Evite las bolsas para compost y ahórrese dinero.

Tip #4: Si su contenedor huele mal, enjuáguelo y eche el agua directamente al jardín.

- » No eche agua con comida y jabón a la calle. Ayúdenos a proteger los cursos de agua. El alcantarillado pluvial conecta directamente con los arroyos locales.

Tip #5: ¡Cambie lo desechable por lo reutilizable! La mejor manera de reducir residuos es no crearlos en primer lugar.

- » Utilice servilletas y toallitas de tela en vez de de papel.
- » Lleve consigo una botella de agua, una bolsa de la compra y unos cubiertos reutilizables. Ponga estos artículos en su mochila, la bolsa de su bicicleta o en el auto para tenerlos a mano.
- » Si compra comida para llevar, pida que se la pongan en recipientes retornables DeliverZero. Visite deliverzero.com para encontrar empresas participantes de Boulder.



Visite bldr.fyi/new-compost-sign para descargar e imprimir los nuevos carteles de compostaje.

Subvenciones para conexión de vecindarios

¡El programa *Neighborhood Connection Grants* (programa de subvenciones para conexión de vecindarios) está de vuelta! Tenemos algunos programas que ya existían en el pasado, como Spark y Block Party, junto con nuevos programas para cubrir costos de programación de eventos.

Invitamos a la comunidad a solicitar financiación para proyectos que estén alineados a los siguientes objetivos:

- » Aumentar las oportunidades para que los vecinos se reúnan y se conozcan.
- » Proporcionar recursos para la creación del sentido de comunidad en vecindarios con menos recursos.
- » Aumentar la resiliencia y alegría, y el sentido de sanación, a través de conexiones personales.

Para obtener más información sobre estas subvenciones o solicitarlas hoy mismo, visite bldr.fyi/neighborhood-grants.



What's Up Boulder?

¡Construyamos juntos nuestro futuro!

¿ Le gusta Boulder?

Venga a conocer a los empleados municipales y platicar sobre los programas y proyectos actuales y futuros.



10 de septiembre
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Foothills Community Park
y el sendero que lleva al
próximo parque sobre
Violet Ave.

**Un evento para
toda la familia, con:**

- Entretenimiento
- Comida
- Oportunidad de hablar
o dar un paseo con uno
de los concejales

Conozca a su

coordinador de apoyo y servicios para la comunidad



Me llamo **Edgar Chavarría** y soy el actual coordinador de apoyo y servicios para la comunidad de la ciudad de Boulder. Empecé a trabajar como coordinador en septiembre

de 2022. Mi objetivo es ayudarles a hacerse camino entre los diferentes departamentos municipales, crear sentido de comunidad en su barrio y conectarlos con los asuntos y proyectos de la ciudad que les afectan. Para más información sobre nuestros programas y recursos, explore los servicios que ofrecemos a los barrios en bldr.fyi/vecindarios.

Estoy encantado de volver a una comunidad a la que puedo llamar mi hogar. Crecí en Boulder y he pasado la mayor parte de mi vida en la ciudad o en sus alrededores. Me siento afortunado de formar parte de un maravilloso

equipo municipal, así como de regresar a una comunidad cuyos miembros destacan por su entrega y compromiso. Boulder es un lugar único que brinda muchas oportunidades para construir una comunidad más equitativa e integradora, y me siento muy dichoso de formar parte de este esfuerzo.

A partir de mayo, voy a dar continuidad a las horas de oficina, que son una ocasión estupenda para reunirse conmigo. Mi objetivo es tener, cada mes, lugares habituales en la ciudad donde pasaré dos horas trabajando y conversando con quienquiera que desee visitarme. Sin agenda. Yo, feliz de hablar de cualquier asunto. Estoy convencido de que las horas de oficina son una buena oportunidad para mí para trabajar de cerca en los vecindarios de Boulder, así como para conocer vecinos a los que les preocupan temas concretos o que desean sumarse a cualquier debate que surja de manera orgánica.

Muy pronto, conocerán más detalles en el sitio web de servicios a la comunidad bldr.fyi/vecindarios.

Edgar

El plazo para solicitar el reembolso del impuesto sobre los alimentos finaliza el 30 de junio



Presente su solicitud para el programa anual de reembolso del impuesto sobre los alimentos antes del viernes 30 de junio. Cada año, la ciudad de Boulder ofrece un reembolso del impuesto sobre la venta de alimentos para ayudar a las personas con los más bajos ingresos y que residen en la ciudad de Boulder. Este año, este reembolso es de \$99 para individuos y \$302 para familias.

Más información sobre los requisitos y la solicitud en boulderfoodtaxrebate.com.

Una mejora tecnológica del 911 permite

transmitir video en vivo

Si tiene una emergencia que requiere la ayuda del 911, ahora puede transmitir video en vivo desde su teléfono, y así ayudar a los operadores y proveedores de servicios de emergencia.

El programa, que se llama Prepared 911, permite a los operadores textear un enlace al teléfono móvil de la persona que llama. Mediante este enlace, esta persona autoriza al operador a ver video en vivo desde su teléfono. El operador puede saltar de la cámara anterior a la posterior, pero no puede ver ni hacer nada más con el teléfono de la persona que llama, y esta puede finalizar la transmisión en cualquier momento. Los videos se guardan en la nube de Prepared 911. Los operadores pueden hacer fotos para ayudar a los servicios de emergencia a identificar un sospechoso o a orientarse mejor.

En caso de un incidente de seguridad pública, "Prepared 911 nos ahorra conjeturas", comenta el director de comunicación Brad Rigglin. "La

capacidad de los operadores de ver en directo lo que la persona que llama está viendo nos ayuda a obtener una mejor descripción de los sospechosos, los lugares y lo que está sucediendo mientras la policía, los bomberos y primeros auxilios responden activamente al suceso".



Esta nueva tecnología permite también a los operadores enviar una solicitud de ubicación al teléfono del individuo que llama para poder encontrar a esa persona si esta desconoce dónde está o no puede decirlo.




El gobierno de la ciudad de Boulder lleva ofreciendo la opción de mensajes de texto al 911 desde 2017. Si usted siente que corre peligro y no puede hacer una llamada de voz, envíe un mensaje de texto al 911 para ponerse en contacto con un operador.

Un septiembre para recordar

Esté preparado, atento y seguro

El año 2023 marca el 10º aniversario de la devastadora inundación que arrasó la cordillera Front Range en septiembre de 2013. Un repaso de los últimos 10 años revela innumerables historias de resiliencia, de vecinos ayudándose unos a otros y demostrando la fuerza de nuestra comunidad para trabajar en conjunto y reconstruir lo que se perdió. A lo largo de esta temporada de inundaciones (de abril a septiembre) estaremos recordando esas historias, reflexionando en lo lejos que hemos llegado y en lo que aún queda por hacer para seguir avanzando hacia un Boulder más resiliente.

Que una inundación no lo agarre desprevenido... ¡prepárese!

-  Prepare un kit de emergencia
-  Compre un seguro contra inundaciones
-  Inscríbase para recibir alertas de emergencia en:
[Boco911alert.com](https://www.boco911alert.com)

Visite [BoulderFloodInfo.net](https://www.BoulderFloodInfo.net) para más información



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We welcome your feedback!

If you have suggestions, please email us at:

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**Important City of Boulder
 Phone Numbers**

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303-441-3333

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911

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303-441-3388