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update underway



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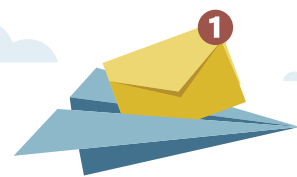
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Message from City Manager Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde



Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde

City Manager

As your local government, we work hard every day to serve you. We want to meet our community's high expectations, both in performing core functions and addressing challenging issues, and I am continually amazed by all that we accomplish together.

Service excellence requires expertise, creativity and collective will.

It also takes resources.

You may have heard rumblings of an initiative we're calling Fund Our Future, and I'd like to share my perspective on the challenges the city is facing financially and why it's important that we engage in a meaningful conversation.

As you've heard me say before, the city's budget is financially constrained.

A key issue is that our primary funding source is sales and use taxes, which fluctuates dramatically depending on economic conditions.

In times of high inflation and fiscal uncertainty – like we’re experiencing currently – people understandably spend less money. This means less revenue.

At the same time, costs are increasing, making it more expensive for the city to maintain our current levels of service, never mind addressing any new or emerging needs.

And then there’s our over-reliance on dedicated funding. Our budget has been shaped, over the years, by Boulder voters’ desire to support specific causes. While we’re incredibly appreciative of funding for many of the needs we all hold dear, 68% of the city’s revenues are restricted to specific uses, like open space, climate action, transportation, arts and more. This reduces our flexibility to appropriate our funding holistically and thoughtfully to serve all of our community’s needs when they may need it the most.

Since I became your city manager in 2021, our organization has significantly strengthened our strategic thinking – striving to stretch every dollar to achieve the outcomes that best serve our community. As we budget for 2026, my message to my colleagues is clear: we must realign the money we already have to address Boulder’s most important priorities.

There is, quite honestly, a limit to what our budget can absorb. We have a significant list of unfunded or underfunded needs, especially for core services you count on, like parks and recreation, transportation maintenance, public safety, facilities operations, and more.

While we’re doing our best to keep up, we frequently hear from community members who would like us to do more.

Recognizing this pressure, we’re prioritizing the creation of a long-term financial strategy. Some work is behind the scenes and includes careful analysis of our current spending, fee studies and efficiency measures.

But there are parts of this strategy that will be shaped by you. Any proposed tax measures, for example, would require voter approval. City Council is considering ballot items for 2025, with the likelihood of additional measures in 2026.

We also need your help as we seek to prioritize our list of unmet needs: Which are most important to you, and what is an acceptable level of service?

In upcoming months, we’ll be hosting a series of engagement opportunities to inform our plan. I hope you’ll take time to learn more about the issues and ways you can get involved on our website: bldr.fyi/fund-future.

I can attest to, and completely share, city staff’s passion and dedication to public service. Ask any city employee why they choose to work in local government, and you’ll likely hear something along these lines: “my work makes a difference,” or “I want to help our community.”

Our commitment to serving you is unwavering. We’re determined to be the best stewards we can with the money you entrust us with. And we can’t do it alone.

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What's Up Boulder?

Let's shape our future together!



Scott Carpenter Park



Sunday, Sept. 7



1-4 p.m.

For more information, visit:

bldr.fyi/whats-up-bldr



Let's talk plastic: Join Boulder's first-ever plastic count!

Plastic is everywhere. From the packaging on our groceries to the utensils in our takeout orders, it's woven into our daily lives. Did you know the world produces nearly 400 million tons of plastic every year—a staggering 19,000% increase since 1950? And more than half of that is used just once before being thrown away.

Here in Boulder, we've been working to shift toward sustainable, reusable solutions. But to make meaningful progress, we need a better picture of what's really happening in our community—and that's where you come in.

We're excited to launch Boulder's first-ever Plastic Count, running from Monday, June 23 through Sunday, June 29—and your household is invited to participate!

Here's how it works:

From June 23 to 29, participating households will tally all the different types of plastic they use throughout the week. At the end of the count, you'll submit your results to help us understand the most common plastics showing up in Boulder homes.

Once you sign up, you'll receive a welcome email. Then, a few weeks before the count begins, we'll send you everything you need to get started—including instructions and a tally sheet you can hang up as a reminder during the week.

When the week is over, you'll have several easy ways to submit your results: an online form, email or regular mail. All submissions will be confidential and combined with others from across the city.

Why join? Your participation will:

- Help identify the plastics most used in our community
- Shape future efforts to reduce plastic waste
- Inform local strategies to support reusable, refillable alternatives

Let's count what really counts. Join the Boulder Plastic Count and be part of building a cleaner, more sustainable future.



Learn more and sign up by scanning the QR code here.

Build together, play together



July is Parks and Recreation Month! We're celebrating by highlighting the collective efforts of everyone who cares for our local parks and the city's commitment to create innovative spaces where people of all ages can connect, play and thrive. This photo shows kids enjoying The Nest - a new outdoor classroom at Crest View Park. Check it out!

Thank you, volunteers!

Thank you for your service to the City of Boulder! In 2024, we had 3,970 volunteers who contributed a total of 39,509 hours of service for a total value of almost \$1.5 million.



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Year after year, thousands of volunteers lend their time and energy to help us make Boulder a better place for all. Thank you to all the volunteers who make a difference in our community every day.

Guide to summer events

June

Boulder County Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 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.

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 Walk and Bike to Work Day on Wednesday, June 25.

Boulder Public Library Summer of Discovery: Our Connected World

June 1 – July 31

All-ages reading programs and activities. Explore summer events for all ages and sign up for the Summer of Discovery challenge! Track your reading and activities using the Beanstack app or pick up a paper log at any Boulder library location.

Arts in the Park

June through August

Glen Huntington Bandshell

The City of Boulder is proud to present a handful of signature performances each summer. We'll showcase local talent as well as performances from the Boulder Ballet, Boulder Opera, Boulder Symphony, River Mann Band and Arts Hub.

Boulder Jewish Festival

Sunday, June 8, 11 a.m. to 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.

Flatiron Sounds Music Festival

Saturday, June 21, 1 to 8 p.m.

Chautauqua Park

Join the second annual Flatiron Sounds Music Festival! Held at scenic and historic Chautauqua Park, the festival will feature live music, food and drink, a homemade goods market and beer garden.

Boulder Pride Festival

Sunday, June 15, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Central Park and Civic Area

Come celebrate Pride with your community! All are welcome at this free event featuring food trucks, 100+ vendors, youth activities, and entertainment throughout the day.

Bands on the Bricks

Wednesdays, June 11 through July 30, 5:30 p.m. to 9 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.

Concerts in the Parks

Mondays, June 9 through Aug. 4, 7 p.m.

Various locations

The city's Parks and Recreation Department partners with Boulder Concert Band to provide music in the parks. The Boulder Concert Band is composed of volunteer musicians from Boulder and surrounding communities. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the parks with your family.



July

Pearl Street Arts Fest

July 18 through 20

1300 block of Pearl

From whimsical and modern sculptures to traditional watercolors, oils & more, Pearl Street Arts Fest is a beautiful outdoor gallery nestled in the heart of downtown Boulder on the renowned Pearl Street Mall.

August

Boulder Taco Fest

Saturday, Aug. 23

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.

September

PLAY Boulder Foundation's Second Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, Sept. 12, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Flatirons Golf Course

The PLAY Boulder Foundation Golf Tournament brings together community members, local businesses, and changemakers to support youth access to recreation, the growth of Boulder's urban canopy, and placemaking initiatives that strengthen our community. Every swing helps build a more inclusive, vibrant, and sustainable Boulder. Don't miss your chance to make an impact—register today!

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

Roots Music Project Summer Concert Series

Join us this summer for a celebration of music and community in Boulder! We're once again teaming up with Roots Music Project, a local nonprofit music incubator, to showcase Colorado musicians in Boulder. Join us for live performances that will fill the Hill and downtown's East Pearl Street with the sounds of local talent – all while supporting Boulder's vibrant music scene and the local business community.

Mark your calendars for these exciting events:

On the Rise Hill Concert Series

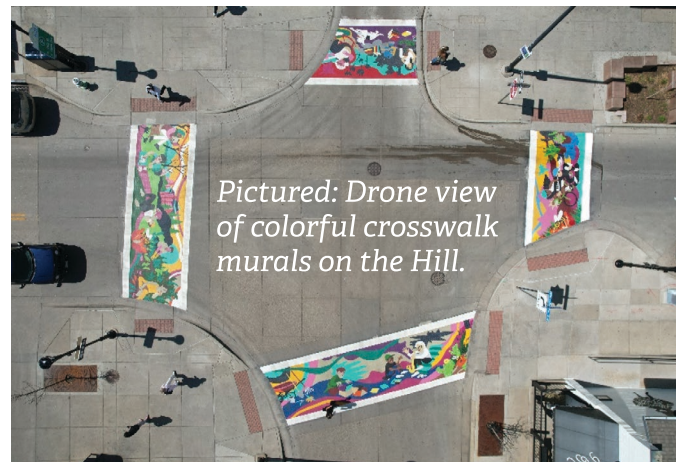
Location: The Hill Events Street, 1221 Pennsylvania Ave.

June 19 – Juneteenth Celebration

July 17 – Women in Music

Aug. 21 – College Showcase

The Hill concert series are free and open to the public. While you're there, be sure to check out the colorful urban design project we recently installed on the crosswalks of the 13th and Pennsylvania intersection. The art, designed by local artist Liz Maher, celebrates the Hill's unique character – its vibrant student population, rich music history and dynamic community spirit.



Pictured: Drone view of colorful crosswalk murals on the Hill.

Downtown Boulder Roots Music Fest

Location: Various locations on Pearl Street between 13th and 20th streets

Dates: Oct. 17 – 19

This three-day festival will be a highlight of the fall, featuring a diverse lineup of local and regional musicians. It's more than just a celebration of music — it's a chance to support Boulder's local businesses and reaffirm our city's place as a cultural hub for live music.

Visit OnTheRiseBoulder.com to learn more about this year's music series.

Recreate responsibly in and around Boulder's natural bodies of water

Safety should be a priority this summer as you swim, float, tube, play or recreate outside—especially around bodies of water. Dress appropriately for the body of water you are going into, have the necessary swimming skills, be aware of your surroundings and call 911 in an emergency.

Here are ways to protect yourself and your family in the water this summer.

Before You Go

Before you head to Boulder Creek, Boulder Reservoir or one of our pools, dress appropriately. If you need a life vest, wear it proudly—it could save your life. Swimming in the creek, the reservoir or a pool all require different skills. Swift-moving water can be dangerous. Be alert and aware (especially if accompanying children), and avoid alcohol and drugs before and during water activities.

While You Swim

Do not drink the water in Boulder Creek, Boulder Reservoir or pool water. The creek is a natural body of water, and when recreating in natural bodies of water you should always be cautious.

- Don't get water in your mouth, eyes or open wounds.



- Stay out of the water if you are sick or have a weakened immune system.
- Wash your hands and shower after being in the creek.
- Don't swim within 48 hours of a rainstorm, or if the water looks cloudy or discolored.

Creek Signage

New signage around Boulder Creek can help you recreate safer and provide first responders a more accurate location if you are in danger. There are 14 informational signs, six takeout signs and 35 locational signs along the creek. All signs are in English and Spanish.

Main rule of the water: If you are in trouble and need help, call 911.

Top five pollinator-friendly and edible herbs for patios and balconies

Growing herbs in containers is a great way to support local pollinators while keeping fresh, delicious ingredients right outside your door. Here are five herbs that thrive in Colorado's climate and provide nectar, fragrance and food for both people and pollinators:

1. **Lavender:** A pollinator magnet, lavender loves full sun and dry conditions. Its fragrant flowers attract bees and butterflies—and make a calming addition to teas and baked goods.
2. **Thyme:** This hardy groundcover produces tiny flowers that bees adore. Use it fresh or dried to season vegetables, meats or soups.
3. **Basil:** A staple in summer cuisine, basil also supports bees when allowed to flower.



4. **Mint:** Spearmint and peppermint are favorites for both pollinators and people. Plant in containers to keep it from spreading.
5. **Chives:** Their purple blooms are a springtime favorite for bees. Snip the mild onion-flavored leaves for salads, eggs and more.

These herbs are low-maintenance, water-wise and perfect for pots—making them ideal for Colorado's patios, porches and balconies.

Stay cool this summer: Simple, sustainable tips for beating the heat

As Colorado summers get hotter and drier, it's more important than ever to find smart, sustainable ways to stay cool. Here are a few low-cost, eco-friendly suggestions:

1. Close blinds and curtains during the day.
2. Use fans strategically. Ceiling fans should run counterclockwise in the summer to push cool air downward. For box or oscillating fans, place one near a window in the evening to pull in cooler outside air.
3. Cool your body first. Drink plenty of water; apply a cool, damp cloth to your neck or wrists; and avoid heavy meals. Wear light, breathable fabrics.
4. Open windows at night. Take advantage of cooler evening temperatures by opening windows overnight to flush out the heat. In the morning, close them again to trap the cool air inside.







5. Unplug unused electronics. Appliances and electronics produce heat, even when turned off.
6. Shade your space.

By making small adjustments and choosing natural cooling methods, you can stay more comfortable, conserve energy and protect your health during extreme heat. Let's cool together!

Ways to stay informed

From print and online platforms to TV, there are many ways to keep up with the latest news and updates in Boulder. Check out some of our platforms below!

 Inside Boulder News	 City Podcasts	 E-Newsletters	 BoulderColorado.gov
A bi-weekly bilingual newscast featuring stories that matter to the City of Boulder. Sign up to get the latest Inside Boulder News delivered to your inbox at bldr.fyi/ibn .	<i>Let's Talk Boulder</i> and <i>Somos Boulder</i> Learn more about the City of Boulder podcasts and listen on your favorite platform. Visit bldr.fyi/podcasts .	To see a list of City of Boulder e-newsletters and sign up for those that interest you, visit bldr.fyi/city-newsletters .	The City of Boulder website is a complete source of information for all things Boulder, from events to news updates and more. Check it out at BoulderColorado.gov



A Boulder history, a Boulder future

The City of Boulder and Boulder County invite you to help shape the future of the Boulder Valley. The Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan guides how our community will look and feel; the transportation networks that connect us; how we face changes to our natural and built environments for years to come; and much more. Join us throughout this year as we discuss our biggest challenges, our greatest strengths and work toward a shared vision.

The comprehensive plan establishes policies for how the community changes in a sustainable, equitable and resilient way over the next 20 years. The city and county use the plan to anticipate trends and issues that could impact the area over time, and address topics like land use, housing, transportation, economic development and climate action. The plan is a living document for our city and nearby Boulder County areas, updated regularly with a major revision every 10 years—not something that just sits on a shelf.

Great places don't happen by accident; they evolve over time. Think about what the Boulder Valley looked like when modern buildings started showing up in the valley, or even what it looked like just 20 or 30 years ago. Our needs, values and goals may be different now than they were then.

The first comprehensive plan was adopted about 50 years ago, when the community, city and county built a plan around what mattered to them at the time. Imagine what ideas we can come up with to help shape the next 50 years.

The comprehensive plan directly influences

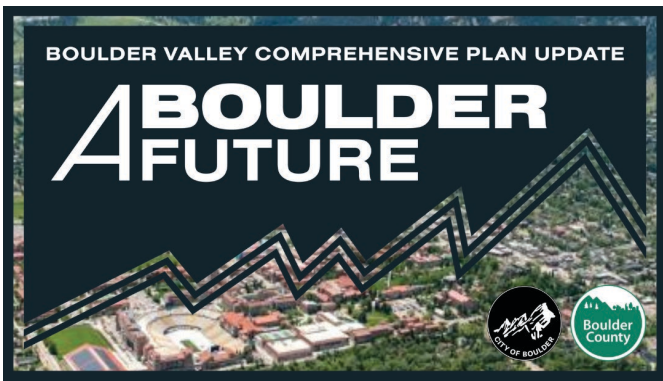
how land is used in the Boulder Valley and how resources are prioritized. Have you ever wondered why the city is surrounded by open space? It didn't happen by luck. This was one of those big ideas, where the community wanted to preserve open space and rural lands around the city. In 1967, voters made Boulder the first city in the nation to purchase open lands around the city by taxing themselves. This approach to managing change, and preserving natural and working agricultural lands, was then written into the first Boulder Valley Comprehensive plan, adopted in 1977. The plan has guided change in our community ever since by clearly defining urban areas where new development could grow and rural areas where it couldn't.

More recently, the comprehensive plan has guided the redevelopment of the old Boulder Community Hospital site at Alpine-Balsam; the creation of the Boulder Junction neighborhood; priorities for bike and pedestrian infrastructure; ongoing management of our creeks, parks and natural areas; and more.

During each major update, the community considers changes to the vision, values, policies and land use.

Our Community, Our Voices

The city and county are working to offer meaningful, inclusive and welcoming opportunities for the community to participate in the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan update. There are a number of ways to learn about and get involved, including community



conversations, public open houses, workshops, online engagement, pop-up events, and arts and cultural events. Visit ABoulderFuture.org for engagement opportunities.

The city and county have developed a holistic, people-centered and multipronged engagement plan for the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan update. We need to work differently to reach some communities, and city and county leaders value all community members as important parts of the Boulder mosaic. Our approach reaches many people, closes demographic gaps and pushes our engagement practices to try new things.

For example, the city and county are standing up Boulder's first Community Assembly. The assembly brings together 48 randomly selected people who represent a broad cross-section of our community to deliberate on a challenging topic. In this case, the assembly will tackle the future of 15-minute neighborhoods, or areas where people can access their daily needs close to where they live. The assembly will present their recommendations for Boulder later this year.

Through broader engagement efforts, we've received over 3,000 community comments so far; hosted two open houses; held multiple office hours; offered three online feedback opportunities; held seven in-person pop-ups; and placed six pop-up boards around the valley.

We are also working with local community partners to explore engagement through theater and improv; illuminate the connections between sustainability, climate, creativity, culture and social justice through equitable engagement; engage

with historically excluded communities; and bridging divides and connecting with youth in the community to ensure what matters most to them is reflected in the plan.

The comprehensive plan will address many aspects of our community, and so far, community input highlights these top priorities for the update: affordable living; climate action; housing choices and opportunities; safety; travel options; and wellness and social connection. This summer and fall, we invite you to help shape how we preserve what we love about Boulder, while also looking ahead and guiding change in ways that reflect our shared values.

We believe community voices are vital. If you have thoughts on how our community looks, feels and changes over time, this is one of the most important processes to get involved in.

Visit ABoulderFuture.org to sign up for our newsletter; find out about upcoming events and ways to get involved; and learn more about the update.

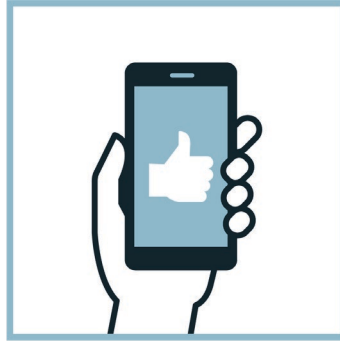


Flood awareness: Are you prepared?

Spring marks the beginning of flood season in Boulder, and now is the time to make sure you and your family are prepared. Flooding can happen with little warning but taking a few simple steps now can help keep you safe.



Know your risk. Check if your home or business is in a flood-prone area.



Stay informed. Sign up for emergency alerts at bocoalert.org or text to 888777.



Be ready. Have a plan, prepare an emergency kit and consider flood insurance to protect your property.

Stay informed. Stay prepared. Stay safe.

The City of Boulder is committed to flood safety and preparedness. Learn more about flood risks, resources and ways to stay safe at boulderfloodinfo.net.

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bldr.fyi/conexion-vecinal

City unveils updated economic vitality strategy



The City of Boulder has released an updated Economic Vitality Strategy to guide economic development over the next three years. Rooted in community values and in collaboration with local partners, the strategy builds on Boulder's strengths while addressing economic challenges and opportunities.

At the core of the plan are four key focus areas: equity, resilience, vibrancy and innovation. These pillars support a vision for a healthy, accessible and sustainable economy that benefits all community members.

Equity efforts will expand resources for all small businesses, including women- and minority-owned businesses and microbusinesses; enhance affordability; and make city processes easier to navigate. The city is working to increase access to microloans, affordable commercial spaces and inclusive workforce development programs.

Resilience strategies aim to improve disaster preparedness, support sustainable business practices and strengthen Boulder's economic

infrastructure. This includes updated recovery plans, and expands collaboration with local and regional partners.

To boost vibrancy, the city will work with the business and real estate communities to address commercial vacancies, support local businesses and update the retail strategy to meet evolving community needs. Efforts will focus on activating spaces, supporting arts and culture, and increasing activity downtown and in neighborhoods.

Finally, innovation remains a cornerstone of Boulder's economy. The strategy enhances support for emerging industries, tech startups and research institutions, and reinforces Boulder's reputation as a hub for creativity and entrepreneurship.

Learn more about the full Economic Vitality Strategy and how it supports Boulder's long-term economic health at bldr.fyi/economic-vitality.

A spotlight on wildfire resilience

The City of Boulder prioritizes our response as a city and as a community to wildfire resilience. True comprehensive resilience and preparedness has to be a whole community effort to work. In these next few articles, find some information about what YOU can do to increase our wildfire resilience, what the CITY is doing to increase our wildfire resilience, and what big upcoming project is working with regional partners on increasing wildfire resilience.

Join your neighbors, your community, and your city staff in being Wildfire Ready for Boulder!

Have a sparkling summer and be fire aware

Being wildfire ready is a year-round task, but it is especially important on dry and windy days. Just a small spark can create a large fire.

To become more wildfire ready, please be aware of the following warnings:



Red Flag Warning: Expect high temperatures, low humidity and strong winds



High Wind Warning: Very strong winds are forecast

Red Flag Warning means high temperatures, low humidity and strong winds are expected. When a Red Flag Warning is established, avoid any fire-creating activity.

High Wind Warning means very strong winds are forecast. These winds, combined with low humidity and a spark, can create a rapidly growing and moving fire. During a High Wind Warning, it is best to avoid fire-creating activity.

While the city's Wildland Division with Boulder Fire-Rescue watch these days very carefully and often add staff when able, preventing wildfires is a shared community responsibility.

Boulder is located in a high-risk wildfire area, so it is important to follow all city fire regulations. Fireworks and bonfires are never legal within city limits. Make sure lawn and construction equipment you use has a spark arrester. Call 911 to report smoke and provide as much detail as possible.

The shared responsibility of being a Wildfire Ready community continues into neighborhoods, too. Visit our Wildfire Ready webpage at bouldercolorado.gov/WildfireReady to learn how you can create more wildfire resilience in your neighborhood, as well as the work the city is doing to support preparedness and resiliency efforts.

Sign up for emergency alerts and be prepared!



For emergency alerts sent to your phone/email about incidents in specific areas visit **BOCOALERT.org**



For emergency alerts in languages other than English, download the Reachwell App



For emergency alerts and general information when the Emergency Operations Center is activated, text **BOCOInfo** to **888777**

To learn more about all of these emergency alert options, visit **BoulderODM.gov**.

Strategic fuel removal projects play important role in wildfire resilience

One of the many ways we are working to make Boulder a Wildfire Ready community is to reduce opportunities for fire to spread. This is especially important in the Wildland Urban Interface -- where undeveloped lands meet the places people live and work in Boulder. The city's strategic approach includes several programs designed to remove vegetation, or fuels, to help limit how far and how intensely a fire can burn.

2025 Key Fuel Removal Projects

The below initiatives represent some of the key wildfire-focused projects the city has planned on open space. These projects complement other ecosystem-health projects that help to reduce wildfire risk.

- **Perimeter mowing program:** The city is continuing its pilot program (started in 2024) to reduce community wildfire risks by mowing a 30-foot strip of open space adjacent to targeted neighborhoods. Mowing is planned twice this year next to the Dakota Ridge, Wonderland Lake, Chautauqua and Devil's Thumb/Shanahan Ridge neighborhoods. These locations were selected based on factors including wildfire risk, ecological data, structure density and home proximity to city-managed open space. Planned mowing aims to reduce grass height to 4 to 6 inches, and will occur in June/July and September/October.
- **Pilot grazing program in north Boulder:** The city is planning to graze city-managed open space in north Boulder near the Wonderland Lake and Dakota Ridge neighborhoods, based on successes in south Boulder. On Shannahan Ridge, grazing has been a highly cost-effective way to reduce invasive weeds that can fuel grassfires. Observations and monitoring following the NCAR Fire in 2022 indicated that this practice—when combined with rapid emergency response and other mitigation work—helped slow the fire's spread and reduce its intensity.
- **Tree thinning to help protect hydroelectric infrastructure, drinking water:** The city's Open Space and Mountain Parks and Utilities departments are partnering on a 90-acre forest thinning project west of Boulder, running from Kossler Reservoir on Flagstaff Road north to the Boulder Canyon Hydroelectric Generation Facility. This project was identified as a high priority in the city's Community Wildfire Protection Plan and is focused on protecting vital infrastructure, including drinking water, hydroelectric facilities and key powerlines, while also improving forest health.
- **Flagstaff tree thinning:** This effort builds on past fuel reduction efforts in the area to reduce vegetation along Flagstaff Road west of Boulder. It also aims to enhance Flagstaff Road's effectiveness as a potential holding line during a wildfire and help make Flagstaff Road safe for people needing to leave the mountain during a dangerous situation. The city is also planning to conduct tree-thinning work to help reduce wildfire risks, and improve ecosystem health on open space in the Mount Sanitas area and south Boulder on Shanahan Ridge.



Chautauqua undergrounding project advances wildfire resilience and infrastructure upgrades

This summer, the City of Boulder is moving forward with a major capital improvement project in the historic Chautauqua neighborhood: undergrounding powerlines. This multiyear effort aims to enhance safety, reduce wildfire risk and modernize essential utilities while preserving the charm of this beloved National Historic Landmark.


The city will work with Xcel Energy for the project, which will also improve the reliability of electric and telecommunications services; strengthen the neighborhood's wildfire resilience; and minimize visual clutter.

The Chautauqua Infrastructure Project includes three focus areas, with work to be completed over the next three years. Additional improvements near the water tank and radio tower on property are scheduled for spring 2025 and may result in temporary trail closures.

This project reflects the city's commitment to thoughtful, forward-looking infrastructure planning and community resilience. By coordinating with utility providers and the Colorado Chautauqua Association, the city is ensuring that upgrades satisfy both modern safety standards and the neighborhood's historic character.

Learn more about the project on the website at bldr.fyi/undergrounding.


To learn more about specific City of Boulder Wildfire Ready projects, programs and initiatives, visit the webpage at bouldercolorado.gov/WildfireReady.



SHARE THE PATH, BOULDER!


HOWEVER YOU ROLL, PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR NEIGHBORS!

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Stay up to date on the rules of the road by learning which wheels go where.

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Slow down when passing your neighbors. Boulder is better when we move with our community in mind!

WHAT YOU RIDE DETERMINES WHERE YOU RIDE



IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA? PLEASE RIDE IN THE STREET, NOT ON THE SIDEWALK.

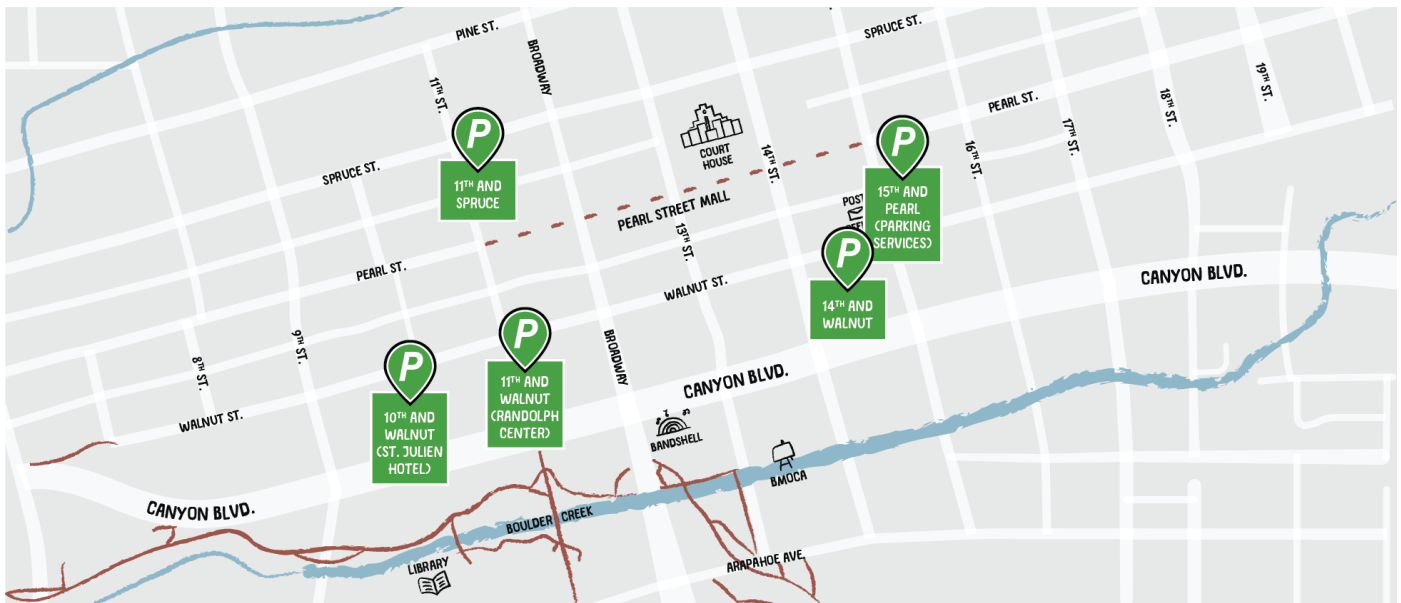
SHARE THE PATH!



1. Keep right, pass left
2. Always yield to pedestrians
3. Slow down when passing
4. Give an audible alert before passing

Learn how to use micromobility options like bikes and scooters, and be good to our planet and to your neighbors by visiting BoulderColorado.gov/ShareThePath

Park smart, support local this summer!



Save time and money when visiting downtown this summer by parking in one of our five BoulderPark garages. Register your vehicle for the Metropolis gateless system at app.metropolis.io. Once you create an account, it's as simple as driving in and driving out. No more lost tickets or waiting in line.

Your parking dollars help fund valuable community initiatives that keep our commercial areas thriving. This includes:

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- Infrastructure improvements including new bike racks downtown.
- Special events support, which brings music, art and activity to our city center.
- Public art installations and urban design projects.
- Free bus passes for all downtown and University Hill employees.
- Economic vitality initiatives such as the Affordable Commercial Grant Program, which helps address the rising cost of commercial space for small businesses.

Enjoy \$3 off parking in one of the downtown BoulderPark garages!

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Hour	Rate
1st hour	\$1.75
2nd-6th hour	\$1.25/hr.
6-12 hours	\$15.99 flat
3 p.m. to 3 a.m.**	\$3.00 flat
Weekends & City	FREE
Holidays	

**Rates are inclusive of fees.*

***\$3 flat rate only applies if you enter and exit between 3 p.m. and 3 a.m.*

Water wisely in colorful Colorado

Save money and resources! While Boulder has several high-quality sources of water, Colorado's naturally dry climate makes it important to conserve water.

Save Water Indoors

Nearly 1 trillion gallons of water are wasted each year in U.S. homes. Prevent this by:

- Washing with a full washing machine and dishwasher.
- Turning the water off when brushing your teeth.
- Using the half-flush reservoir of the toilet.
- Reducing the time it takes to shower.
- Scraping dirty dishes into the compost instead of prewashing.
- Finding and fixing leaks. The average household leaks almost 10,000 gallons of water per year, according to the EPA. When you fix a leak, you may also be eligible to apply for a reduced billing rate for the excess water consumption.
 - Sinks, laundry machines, showers: Look and listen for drips from faucets and pipes. Check for rust, pooling water under pipes and other signs of leaks.
 - Toilets: Listen for running water, or put a few drops of food coloring into the tank at the back of your toilet and let it sit for 10 minutes. If color shows up in the bowl, you have a leak.
 - Bathtub spouts. Turn on the tub, then divert the water to the shower. If there's still water coming from the bathtub spout, the tub spout diverter may need to be replaced.
- Upgrading appliances to water-efficient models.

Save Water Outdoors

Did you know? Coloradan households use half their water outdoors.

1. Wait to water lawns. Turning sprinklers on in May or June saves water and will not affect the longevity of your lawn. Water



less frequently to allow grass roots to grow deeper and last longer without water.

2. Don't set it and forget it. When it rains, water accordingly. Try soil moisture or rain sensors to help you adjust watering schedules. Water twice a week when it's cooler and three days a week only in the peak of summer.
3. Water in the evening, night or early morning. During daytime heat from about 10 a.m.-6 p.m., less water is available to plants due to evaporation.
4. Get creative with your watering schedule. Everyone watering at the same time can put pressure on our water treatment plants. We encourage you pick times that aren't the most popular, which are currently Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5 a.m.
5. Let grass grow longer before cutting it. Taller grass at 3-3.5 inches provides shade to roots and helps retain soil moisture, so your lawn requires less water.
6. Water plants, not roads and sidewalks. Check regularly to see if your irrigation system is broken, tilted or not set up properly.
7. Water roots, not leaves. Use hand-watering, deep-root water or drip irrigation for trees, shrubs and gardens. Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose.

8. Work with the landscape. In Colorado, you can install rain barrels for outdoor use.

There are also annual, first-come, first-serve resources to help you keep your yard looking great while using less water, including free low-water seminars from landscape professionals; free Slow The Flow sprinkler and irrigation evaluations; and up to \$750 in lawn removal rebates.

Own a business?

Your business may qualify for free or reduced-cost resources toward saving water. These include:

- Commercial indoor and outdoor water-use assessments at your business
- Commercial installation of faucet aerators, i.e., pre-rinse spray valves
- Additional tools and advisors to help you discover low- and no-cost energy saving opportunities

The city's Water Conservation Program provides a variety of services and resources to support community action toward conserving water and building local climate resilience.

Learn more about the resources above at

BoulderSavesWater.net.



Food tax rebate application period closing June 30



Submit your application for the annual Food Tax Rebate Program by Sunday, June 30. Each year, the City of Boulder provides rebates to help lessen the financial burden on lower income community members for the city sales tax they pay on food. The program aims to expand financial support to help enhance economic stability in our community. This year, rebates will be \$106 for individuals and \$325 for families.

Learn more about eligibility and apply at boulderfoodtaxrebate.com.

Sending the right resources: The city's alternative response options

"911; what is the address of the emergency?" is the first question you hear when you call dispatch. The answer allows the dispatcher to determine the situation and send you the right care at the right time. Sometimes, an incident requires a large response. Other times, just an ambulance, fire engine or police officer will do. In Boulder, we have a number of alternative response options for our community members; these help prioritize care, public safety and availability of resources.

Nurse Navigator Program: In partnership with American Medical Response, Boulder offers the Nurse Navigation line, which can connect 911 callers to a licensed nurse who will talk them through their medical situation. Then, the nurse and the caller will determine next steps and resources they might need: transportation to urgent care, a local clinic, emergency department or doctor appointment. This service supports situations where a health issue can be handled by a licensed nurse over the phone without sending city emergency resources to the scene.

CARE, Community Assistance Response and Engagement Team: This team consists of behavioral health clinicians, case managers and Boulder Fire-Rescue paramedics who respond to 911 calls that do not present safety or serious medical risk, and may be more

appropriate for health care and behavioral health professionals.

CIRT, Crisis Intervention Response Team: These are case managers and licensed behavioral health clinicians with the City of Boulder's Housing and Human Services Department. Clinicians respond together with Boulder Police Department officers on calls involving a behavioral health crisis.

"Having alternate resources like mental health clinicians and a licensed nurse phone line is critical in today's emergency response system," said Brad Riggan, communications manager for the City of Boulder's public safety dispatch center. "Not every call requires a police officer, fire crew or ambulance. Sometimes, what callers truly need is someone trained to address a behavioral health crisis or provide medical guidance over the phone. These alternatives allow us to respond more appropriately, reduce strain on emergency services and ultimately deliver better outcomes for the community."

Alternative response options provide excellent service while also making sure city resources are being allocated appropriately. Our public safety dispatchers process your information in real time to provide with the best possible service to help with your situation.

Transparency in policing: Boulder unveils new information dashboards

The Boulder Police Department recently rolled out two new dashboards to better explain how and when officers contact individuals, and how varying degrees of force are used during incidents.

"In line with our commitment to transparency and our Reimagine Policing Plan, I am excited that we are adding the Use of Force and Contact Stop Data dashboards to our existing set of dashboards," said Police Chief Steve Redfearn.

"We want our community to have a clear picture of what we do and how we do it, and using data is key to this. Dr. Daniel Reinhard, along with other staff, worked for several months to produce these dashboards, and

ensure the information was accurate and appropriate for public release. These two additional dashboards bring the number of public dashboards to 13, which is more robust than many police agencies."

Use of force incidents remain rare: about three per 1,000 police interactions. Complaints are even rarer, with over 96% of force incidents involving no complaint.

The Boulder Police Department reports more comprehensively than most agencies on the use of force, including instances where force is only displayed (not applied). In 2024, 73% of use-of-force incidents were actions such as pointing a taser or gun. Physical force was used less frequently and typically involved

de-escalation techniques. Officers are trained in Integrating, Communications, Assessment and Tactics (ICAT), Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) and Crisis Intervention Training (CIT).

From 2020 to 2023, the Boulder Police Department was significantly understaffed. As staffing levels improved, officers returned to more proactive engagement, naturally leading to more observed crimes and interactions. This coincides with increases in violent crime (up 46%), assaults on officers (up 125%) and domestic violence (up 10%).

Prior to making the dashboard information live, the Boulder Police Department shared the dashboards with the Police Oversight Panel (POP), which did not suggest changes but appreciated the transparency. The dashboards were also shared with the Independent Police Monitor (IPM), whose suggestions were incorporated.

After releasing the dashboards, Boulder Police received positive feedback for improving

transparency. There have also been questions about the data, which the department has tried to address. Some of these questions stem from efforts to compare 2024 data to 2020 and 2021, without recognizing pandemic-related changes in enforcement. Other critiques included benchmarking Boulder against much larger cities like Denver or Aurora. Additionally, using census data to measure police impact is misleading. Surveys show 38 to 40 percent of people stopped or arrested in Boulder are nonresidents, and thousands commute into Boulder daily.

As Boulder Police continue to provide the public with more information and increased transparency, community members are invited to give feedback on these dashboards or request other information via Inquire Boulder on the city's website.

The dashboards can be found at boulder.colorado.gov/crime-dashboard.

Boulder's homelessness strategy gets a new look; consultants consider emerging best practices

The city's Homelessness Strategy, adopted in 2017, is built around the belief that 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.

Strategy Update Overview

As part of the 2024-2025 City Council Priorities, the city is reviewing the effectiveness and outcomes of homelessness programs and strategies. In addition to an evaluation of countywide efforts, the city has contracted with Clutch Consulting Group to update the city's Homelessness Strategy based on emerging best practices; increase clarity in regional roles and responsibilities; and guide city resource allocation and operational adjustments to maximize the effectiveness of service delivery over the next five to 10 years.

Addressing homelessness requires collaboration. This spring, Clutch began conducting targeted engagement to assess

Boulder's homelessness system design, investments, and program performance to help prioritize strategies that maximize resources and impact. Clutch is working directly with single adult, youth and family service providers; individuals with lived experience; major homelessness service funders; the business community; and elected officials to achieve greater outcomes.

Next Steps

This summer, Clutch will deliver a draft framework outlining a renewed vision, guiding principles, goals and strategies, and work with city staff to refine the plan. While a final date has not been set, the updated strategy will then be presented to City Council in July or August 2025. You can find up-to-date information about this city council priority at bldr.fyi/homeless-eval.

Learn more about Boulder's work to address homelessness at bldr.fyi/homelessness.

Trail improvements coming to Mount Sanitas

Every year, 300,000 visitors enjoy Mount Sanitas and its many trails, which offer sweeping views and iconic ridgelines. For generations, it has been one of the city's most popular outdoor recreation destinations. But the steep, rugged trails that make Mount Sanitas so popular also require extensive maintenance.

This June, the City of Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) will kick off a multiyear trail and ecological restoration project on Mount Sanitas. Supported by a \$1.1 million grant and strong community fundraising (led by OSMP's official philanthropic partner, the Boulder Open Space Conservancy, or BOSC) this effort aims to improve visitor experiences and protect Mount Sanitas's sensitive natural resources.

Trail Work Details

OSMP will begin by focusing on significant improvements to the main Mount Sanitas Trail, which connects community members from Mapleton Drive to the summit. The department will also conduct extensive maintenance and repair work at the summit.

In addition, OSMP will improve the East Ridge Trail, which offers visitors another enjoyable route to the Mount Sanitas summit. Upcoming trail work will include closing and restoring undesignated trails. These are paths visitors have created when walking off-trail, which can damage sensitive natural areas.

Future Work

Over the next several years, OSMP also plans to further improve on Mount Sanitas by:

- Constructing a new trail to connect neighborhoods northeast of Mount Sanitas to the OSMP trail network
- Constructing a new trail to provide access to historically significant rock quarries on the mountain
- Adding infrastructure around the eight bouldering formations along the Mount Sanitas Trail, including gathering areas, steps, fencing and signage.

Learn more about the Boulder Open Space Conservancy at bldr.fyi/bosc.



Better ways to the trail

Consider leaving your car at home for your next outdoor adventure with Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks. With bikeable trailheads, shuttles, transit-friendly routes, improved regional connections, and even shared scooters and bikes, there are more ways than ever to access Boulder's open space.

Ride or Roll to the Trailhead within the City

- Bikes and e-bikes: OSMP trailheads in Boulder are bikeable for many community members and offer several racks for secure parking. Throughout 2025, the city is investing in more bike racks at area trailheads and access points throughout many neighborhoods to improve biking access. View a map of biking trails in Boulder at bldr.fyi/bike-map. Learn more about where e-bikes are allowed on city open space at bldr.fyi/osmp-ebikes.

- Park-to-park shuttle: The Park-to-Park shuttle provides free satellite parking and free shuttle service to and from Chautauqua Park on summer weekends and holidays, from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. bldr.fyi/park-to-park
- Shared bikes and scooters: While operating Lime scooters on city open space is not permissible, you can take a Lime scooter to most trailheads within city limits (like Sanitas and Chautauqua). There are two Lime Groves near Chautauqua (8th and Baseline, and Baseline between Lincoln and 10th). There are discounts for income-qualified community members and adaptive e-scooters for community members experiencing disabilities. You can also take an e-bike to a few trailheads including the Peoples' Crossing and Chautauqua. The city's bike sharing partner, BCycle, has a variety of stations throughout the city. bldr.fyi/shared-micromobility.
- Bus to local trailheads: Several OSMP trailheads are accessible from nearby bus stops. bldr.fyi/bus-to-trailheads

Shuttle to Nature

- Eldo shuttle: This free shuttle bus service operates on weekends and holidays during the summer and fall, carrying passengers from U.S. Highway 36 and McCaslin Boulevard or from Boulder to Eldorado Canyon State Park, as well as to the Marshall Mesa, Doudy Draw and South Mesa trailheads. bldr.fyi/eldo-shuttle
- Hessie trailhead shuttle: The free shuttle provides service between Nederland High School and the Hessie Trailhead, with a stop at the city-managed Fourth of July Trailhead. In 2025, the free shuttle service runs Friday to Sunday from May 24 through October 6. Combine the Hessie Shuttle with RTD's NB Route and leave your car at home. bldr.fyi/hessie-shuttle

Visit Regional Trails and Connections

- Longmont-to-Boulder Trail: The Longmont-to-Boulder (LoBo) Regional Trail is a 12-mile system that runs through Gunbarrel, Niwot and open space properties connecting the City of Boulder with the City of Longmont. bldr.fyi/lobo-trail
- U.S. 36 Highway Bikeway: People can connect to this regional trail, which heads to the northwest Denver metro region, from the city's South Boulder Creek Trail. bldr.fyi/us36-bikeway
- North Sky Trail: The new trail links Foothills Trail in north Boulder to the Joder Ranch Trail, which connects to Left Hand Canyon. bldr.fyi/north-sky-trail
- Four Mile Canyon Creek Trail Underpass: This connects the city's Fourmile Canyon Creek Path to the Cottonwood Trail underneath the Diagonal Highway in northeast Boulder. bldr.fyi/fourmile-underpass
- IBM Connector Trail: This connection helps link Gunbarrel-area residents to Boulder Reservoir and Boulder Valley Ranch trails in north Boulder. bldr.fyi/ibm-connector



Pictured: The Fourmile Canyon Creek Trail Underpass, which connects the Fourmile Canyon Creek Path to the Cottonwood Trail underneath the Diagonal Highway in northeast Boulder.

Recreation in Boulder

Thanks to Boulder voters who renewed the Community Culture, Resilience and Safety (CCRS) tax in 2021, the city has several big projects underway to improve places where community members exercise, play and gather. Read on for updates on the Civic Area, Future of Recreation Centers, and exciting summer events.

Civic Area Phase 2 Project

The Civic Area Phase 2 Project will continue the design effort to transform the heart of downtown Boulder and create vibrant urban living, celebrate cultural diversity, build connection to nature and honor past histories.

Concept Design Coming Soon

Last year, we heard from the community on two design ideas for Civic Area: The Adventure Loop and Creekside Social. Based on your input, the most popular features in these two drawings were:

- Expanded, year-round Farmers Market
- Community gathering areas such as a Beer Garden, Teen Hub and Nature Center
- Boulder Beach to create a vibrant gathering area that is safe, fun, and connected to nature
- Food Truck Plaza to support events and space activation
- Creek Walk that creates better access to the creek and preserves the natural feel
- Elevated Arboretum Path connection

The project team has been working to create a concept plan based on this feedback, site analysis and guiding policy. We will share this concept with the community this summer and ask for feedback online and at the events listed below.

Nature Play Pop-Up Area

With the goal of activating the space this year, we are building a temporary pop-up play area for children, youth, and their families in the grassy area just west of the Dushanbe Tea House. This spring, Growing Up Boulder has



been working with students at Boulder Day Nursery, Whittier Elementary and Boulder High School to make sure the Civic Area reflects their ideas for this Nature Play Pop-Up and beyond.

Connect with Nature and Community in the Civic Area this Summer

The Nature Play Area will be open for youth, children and families to enjoy during park hours. We will also host several special events to bring extra activities to the space and gather feedback. Join us this summer for:

- Monday, June 16: 5:30-7:30 pm: Jeff and Paige Concert
- Thursday, July 10: 5:30-7:30 pm: Picnic in the park with free pizza
- Monday, July 14: 5:30-7:30 pm: Jeff and Paige Concert and Concept Plan Reveal
- Wednesday, July 23: 5-7 pm: Nature Play activities at the Farmer's Market

Future of Recreation Centers Project and East Boulder Community Center Renovation

Another exciting community project funded by the CCRS tax is the upcoming renovation at East Boulder Community Center (EBCC). As a first step in understanding how the community imagines the future of its three public recreation centers, staff have engaged thousands of residents over the last 18 months

through the Future of Recreation Centers Project. We're now hard at work using that feedback to design renovation options for EBCC. The community will have opportunities to weigh in on these concepts this summer, so stay tuned!

As we look to the future of our other rec centers, both the North Boulder Recreation Center (NBRC) and South Boulder Recreation Center (SBRC) will require significant investments to address failing infrastructure, advance climate goals, and modernize the facilities to accommodate growing recreation needs. As the future of recreation centers project concludes this summer, the citywide Fund Our Future project will invite community members to consider whether and how to address these and other citywide funding gaps through future tax initiatives. In the meantime, we will be making short-term investments at both SBRC and NBRC over the next year to keep the centers operational until funding and long-term plans are confirmed.

Explore Boulder's public art scene

Over the past year, our public art team has been hard at work installing new pieces throughout the city and maintaining the city's collection.

The Public Art Program and its guiding policy utilize 1% of large city-funded construction projects to commission new, site-specific artworks. These works bring innovative contemporary art, add enduring value to our city, and provide a vibrant diversity of artists and arts experiences to Boulder. The Public Art Program is part of the Office of Arts and Culture's portfolio of community funding which also includes cultural grants, support for artists, Boulder Arts Week, Creative Neighborhoods murals, and more which contribute to cultural vibrancy across the city.

Our team is offering free walking tours of downtown's public art starting in June. Each tour lasts around 1.5 hours and features approximately 30 stops highlighting an array of sculptures, murals and urban design projects. Participants will begin the tour at the corner of 17th and Pearl Street and end at 13th Street and Arapahoe, at the Boulder Farmer's Market.

Guided tours will be offered most Saturdays at 9 a.m. and most Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Tours run June through August. Reservations are required.



Learn more about our public art program and downtown walking tours by scanning the QR code or visiting bldr.fyi/publicart.



Title: El Movimiento Sigue
Artist: Jasmine Baetz
Type: Memorial Sculpture
Material: Concrete, Mosaic tile
Location: 17th & Pearl | Year: 2024



Title: Water Trail
Artist: Gregory Fields
Type: Sculpture
Material: Handmade ceramic tile
Location: Valmont Park | Year: 2024

Mensaje de la gerente municipal



**Nuria Rivera-
Vandermyde**

Gerente
municipal

En el gobierno municipal, nos empleamos a fondo para servirle. Queremos cumplir con las expectativas de nuestra comunidad, tanto en el desempeño de nuestras funciones fundamentales como en la gestión de nuevos desafíos, y no deja de maravillarme todo lo que podemos conseguir juntos.

Para ofrecer unos servicios excelentes hace falta experiencia, creatividad y voluntad colectiva.

También hay que tener recursos.

Quizá ha escuchado rumores acerca de una iniciativa llamada Fund Our Future (Financiamos nuestro futuro). A propósito de ella, me gustaría compartir mi perspectiva sobre los retos a los que se enfrenta la ciudad financieramente y por qué es importante que entablemos un diálogo pertinente.

Como ya me habrá escuchado decir, el presupuesto de la ciudad es limitado.

Un elemento clave es que nuestra primera fuente de ingresos son los impuestos sobre uso y valor añadido, los cuales fluctúan de manera espectacular dependiendo de las condiciones económicas. En épocas de alta inflación e incertidumbre fiscal, como la que estamos viviendo ahora, la gente, lógicamente, se gasta menos dinero. Esto implica menos ingresos para el gobierno local.

Al mismo tiempo, los costos están subiendo, lo que hace que mantener nuestros niveles actuales de servicios le resulte más caro a la ciudad, por no hablar de necesidades nuevas o incipientes.

Y, además, está nuestra sobredependencia de fondos de fines específicos. A lo largo de los años, el deseo de los votantes de Boulder de apoyar ciertas causas ha moldeado

nuestro presupuesto. Aunque apreciamos enormemente los fondos recibidos para muchas de las necesidades que todos valoramos profundamente, el 68 % de los ingresos de la ciudad viene atado a objetivos específicos, como áreas naturales, mitigación del cambio climático, transporte, arte. Esto reduce la flexibilidad que poseemos para manejar los fondos de manera holística y sensata y abordar las necesidades de toda la comunidad cuando más apremien.

Desde que me convertí en gerente municipal en 2021, he sido testigo del desarrollo del pensamiento estratégico en nuestra organización –estirando cada dólar para alcanzar los resultados que mejor sirven a nuestra comunidad–. A medida que construimos el presupuesto de 2026, el mensaje que tengo para mis colegas es claro: debemos reajustar el dinero que ya tenemos para abordar las prioridades más importantes de Boulder, aunque lo que nuestro presupuesto puede conseguir tiene, honestamente, un límite. Tenemos una lista considerable de necesidades sin fondos o con fondos muy limitados, sobre todo para servicios fundamentales con los que la población cuenta: parques y recreación, mantenimiento del transporte, seguridad pública, funcionamiento de instalaciones, etc. Aunque hacemos lo máximo posible para no quedarnos atrás, a menudo escuchamos decir a miembros de la comunidad que les gustaría que hiciéramos más.

En reconocimiento de esta presión, estamos priorizando la creación de una estrategia financiera a largo plazo. Para ello, habrá trabajo que se hará tras bastidores y que incluye un análisis cuidadoso de gastos actuales, tasas y nivel de eficiencia.

Pero hay partes de esta estrategia que usted nos ayudará a configurar. Cualquier medida relacionada con los impuestos, por ejemplo, requiere la aprobación de los votantes. El Concejo Municipal está considerando cuestiones para las boletas de 2025 y, probablemente, otras adicionales para 2026.

También necesitamos su ayuda para establecer prioridades en nuestra lista de necesidades por satisfacer: ¿Cuáles son, en su opinión, las más

importantes y cuál es un nivel aceptable de servicio?

En los próximos meses, ofreceremos oportunidades de participación comunitaria con el fin de informar nuestro plan. Me gustaría que visitara nuestro sitio web

bldr.fyi/fund-future y dedicara un poco de tiempo a aprender sobre estas cuestiones y sobre cómo participar.

Doy fe, y comparto completamente, la pasión

y dedicación de servicio al público de los representantes municipales. Pregunte a cualquiera de ellos por qué trabaja para el gobierno local y seguramente escuchará algo así como “mi trabajo tiene un efecto positivo en la comunidad” o “quiero ayudar a mi comunidad”.

Nuestro compromiso con la comunidad es inquebrantable. Estamos resueltos a ser los mejores administradores del dinero que nos ha encomendado. Y no podemos hacerlo solos.

El periodo de solicitud de reembolso del impuesto sobre alimentos termina el 30 de junio

Entregue la solicitud anual para el Programa de Reembolso del Impuesto sobre Alimentos no más tarde del domingo, 30 de junio. Todos los años, el gobierno municipal de Boulder ofrece reembolsos para mitigar la carga tributaria de los miembros de bajos ingresos de la comunidad eximiéndoles del impuesto al valor añadido de la ciudad que pagan al comprar alimentos. El objetivo del programa es ampliar el apoyo económico para fomentar la estabilidad económica en nuestra comunidad. Este año, los reembolsos serán de \$106 para individuos y \$325 para familias.

Para más información sobre elegibilidad y hacer la solicitud, visite boulderfoodtaxrebate.com.

Cómo Boulder aborda la discriminación y el robo salarial

La ciudad de Boulder cuenta con dos ordenanzas locales cuyo objetivo es que, dentro de los límites municipales, ningún miembro de la comunidad sea discriminado o vea usurpado su salario.

- Ordenanza de Derechos Humanos Prohíbe la discriminación en la adquisición de vivienda, empleo y en los espacios públicos, garantizando que todos los individuos, sin importar su origen, sean tratados justamente.
- Ordenanza sobre impago de salarios Ayuda a prevenir el incumplimiento en el pago de salarios en Boulder, lo que refuerza el compromiso de la ciudad con la justicia económica.

Aunque existen leyes estatales y federales sobre discriminación e impago de sueldos, la Oficina de Derechos Humanos de Boulder puede procesar querellas más rápidamente que departamentos más grandes.

Cómo presentar una demanda

¿Se ha visto discriminado o han dejado de

pagarle su sueldo? Visite bldr.fyi/HRO, si desea saber los pasos y los documentos necesarios para elevar una queja.

- Revise los plazos de presentación de la reclamación. Diríjase a bldr.fyi/HRO si desea saber más sobre los plazos de presentación de reclamaciones.
- Rellene una queja por discriminación en inglés o español. Tenemos disponibles formularios en papel si lo prefiere.
- Espere respuesta por parte de la Oficina de Derechos Humanos. Por lo general, un representante municipal le responderá en el plazo de dos días laborables para hablar sobre su queja.

La Oficina de Derechos Humanos aspira a ser un recurso de confianza de la comunidad, donde se trata a todas las personas con dignidad y respeto. Para más información o si desea programar una presentación sobre estas ordenanzas, llame a la Oficina de Derechos Humanos (303-413-7437).



Una historia de Boulder, un futuro para Boulder

La ciudad y el condado de Boulder lo invitan a participar en el diseño del futuro del valle de Boulder. El Plan Integral del Valle de Boulder nos sirve de guía para definir el aspecto y el ambiente de nuestra comunidad, las redes de transporte que nos conectarán, cómo abordaremos cambios en nuestro entorno natural y construido, y mucho más. Únase a nosotros este año para conversar sobre nuestros mayores desafíos, nuestras mayores fortalezas y trabajar hacia una visión compartida.

El plan integral establece políticas para un cambio sostenible, equitativo y robusto de nuestra comunidad durante los próximos 20 años. La ciudad y el condado utilizan el plan para anticipar tendencias y problemas que podrían, con el tiempo, afectar al área, y para abordar cuestiones como usos del suelo, vivienda, transporte, desarrollo económico y estrategias de mitigación del cambio climático. El plan es un documento vivo para nuestra ciudad y las zonas periféricas del condado de Boulder, que se actualiza periódicamente y experimenta una revisión importante cada 10 años; es decir, no es un documento inerte que recoge polvo en un estante.

Las ciudades y los lugares extraordinarios no son producto de la suerte, sino que se van desarrollando a lo largo del tiempo. Piense en el aspecto del valle de Boulder cuando empezaron a aparecer los primeros edificios modernos o incluso hace 20 o 30 años. Nuestras necesidades, valores y metas quizá sean diferentes ahora que entonces.

El primer plan integral se adoptó hace 50 años, cuando la comunidad, la ciudad y el condado

diseñaron un plan de acuerdo con lo que les preocupaba en ese momento. Imagínese todas las buenas ideas que se nos pueden ocurrir para configurar los próximos 50 años.

El plan integral influye directamente en los usos del suelo del valle de Boulder y en cómo priorizar los recursos. ¿Alguna vez se ha preguntado por qué la ciudad está rodeada de un cinturón verde? No fue por casualidad. Fue una de esas grandes ideas. La comunidad quiso preservar los espacios abiertos y áreas rurales de los alrededores de la ciudad. En 1967, los habitantes de Boulder votaron a favor de absorber un impuesto que convirtió a Boulder en la primera ciudad de los EE. UU. que adquirió espacios sin construir alrededor de la ciudad. Este enfoque de gestión del cambio y protección de espacios naturales y agrarios fue incluido en el primer Plan Integral del Valle de Boulder, adoptado en 1977. Desde entonces, el plan ha guiado la evolución de nuestra comunidad, definiendo claramente las áreas urbanas donde puede aparecer nueva construcción y las áreas rurales donde no es posible.

Más recientemente, el plan integral ha guiado la remodelación del antiguo Boulder Community Hospital en Alpine-Balsam; la creación del barrio Boulder Junction; las prioridades de infraestructura para bicicletas y peatones; la gestión continua de nuestros arroyos, parques y áreas naturales, y mucho más.

Durante cada una de las revisiones importantes, la comunidad considera cambios en la visión, valores, políticas y usos del suelo.

Nuestra comunidad, nuestras voces

La ciudad y el condado están trabajando para ofrecer oportunidades significativas, inclusivas y accesibles para que la comunidad participe en la actualización del Plan Integral del Valle de Boulder. Hay varias maneras en las que puede enterarse e implicarse; entre ellas, conversaciones comunitarias, jornadas de puertas abiertas, talleres, participación remota, eventos de corta duración y acontecimientos artísticos y culturales. Si desea más información sobre oportunidades de participación, visite ABoulderFuture.org.

La ciudad y el condado han desarrollado un plan de colaboración holístico, centrado en los habitantes y con varios frentes de actualización del Plan Integral del Valle de Boulder. Necesitamos trabajar de manera diferente para conectar con algunas comunidades. Para la ciudad y el condado todos los miembros de la comunidad son partes esenciales del mosaico que es Boulder. Nuestro enfoque nos permite alcanzar a muchas personas, cerrar brechas demográficas y nos empuja a intentar cosas nuevas en nuestras actividades de participación.

Por ejemplo, la ciudad y el condado están preparando la primera Asamblea Comunitaria de Boulder. La asamblea reúne a 48 personas seleccionadas al azar, que constituyen una muestra representativa de nuestra comunidad, para deliberar sobre un tema complejo. En este caso, la asamblea abordará el futuro de los barrios de 15 minutos, esto es, áreas donde las personas pueden gestionar sus necesidades diarias cerca de donde viven. La asamblea presentará sus recomendaciones para Boulder este mismo año.

Mediante actividades más amplias de participación, hemos recibido más de 3,000 comentarios; celebrado dos jornadas de puertas abiertas; ofrecido numerosas horas de atención al ciudadano; brindado tres oportunidades para sugerencias en línea; siete casetas informativas, y colocado seis paneles ilustrativos en el valle.

También estamos trabajando con colaboradores locales para explorar oportunidades de participación a través del teatro y la improvisación; esclarecer

las conexiones entre sostenibilidad, clima, creatividad, cultura y justicia social a través de una participación equitativa; colaborar con comunidades marginadas históricamente, y tender puentes y conectar con la juventud para asegurarnos de que aquello que más les preocupa quede reflejado en el plan.

El plan integral abordará muchos aspectos de nuestra comunidad y, por el momento, los comentarios indican que estos son los temas prioritarios para su actualización: una calidad de vida asequible; activismo climático; opciones y oportunidades de vivienda; seguridad; opciones de transporte, y bienestar y conexión social. Este verano y otoño le invitamos a que nos ayude a pensar cómo preservar lo que amamos de Boulder, sin dejar de mirar hacia delante y guiar el cambio para que refleje nuestros valores compartidos.

Creemos que las voces de la comunidad son vitales. Si tiene ideas sobre cómo debería verse, vivirse y cambiar nuestra comunidad a lo largo del tiempo, esta es una de las actuaciones más importantes de las que formar parte.

Visite ABoulderFuture.org para recibir nuestro boletín; entérese de cuándo y cómo participar en los próximos eventos; y obtenga más información sobre la actualización.



Tenga un verano chispeante, pero sea consciente del riesgo de incendios forestales

Estar preparado para la posibilidad de un incendio forestal es una tarea de todo el año, pero es especialmente importante en días secos y con fuertes vientos. Una pequeña chispa puede dar lugar a un gran fuego.

Para lograr estar más preparado, le rogamos se familiarice con los siguientes mensajes de alerta:



Bandera roja: Altas temperaturas, baja humedad y fuertes vientos



Vientos fuertes:
Vientos muy intensos

Bandera roja significa que se esperan altas temperaturas, baja humedad y fuertes vientos. En caso de Bandera Roja, evite cualquier actividad que conlleve encender fuego.

Vientos fuertes significa que se prevén vientos muy intensos que, combinados con un nivel bajo de humedad y una chispa, pueden originar un incendio de los que se expanden y desplazan rápidamente. Durante esta alerta, lo mejor es evitar actividades que conlleven encender fuego.

Aunque el departamento municipal de tierras forestales y los bomberos de Boulder están muy pendientes durante esos días y a menudo logran contar con más personal, la prevención de incendios es responsabilidad de todos.

Boulder está ubicada en un área forestal de alto riesgo, así que es importante obedecer el reglamento local sobre incendios. Dentro de los límites municipales, no están permitidos los fuegos artificiales ni las hogueras. Asegúrese de que su equipo de construcción y jardinería cuente con un parachispas. Llame al 911 si observa humo y aporte tantos detalles como le sea posible.

La responsabilidad de ser una comunidad preparada para los incendios forestales continúa en los barrios también. Visite nuestra página web boulder.colorado.gov/WildfireReady para averiguar cómo su barrio puede lograr ser más resistente a los incendios, así como la labor que el gobierno local está realizando para apoyar esfuerzos de preparación y resistencia.

¡Apúntese para recibir alertas y esté preparado!



Visite **BOCOALERT.org** si desea recibir mensajes de alerta en su teléfono/correo electrónico acerca de incidentes en áreas específicas.



Para mensajes en otros idiomas, descárguese la aplicación Reachwell app.



Para mensajes de emergencia e información general en caso de activación del Centro de Operaciones de Emergencia, envíe el mensaje de texto **BOCOInfo** al **888777**.

Si desea saber más sobre todas estas opciones, diríjase a BoulderODM.gov.

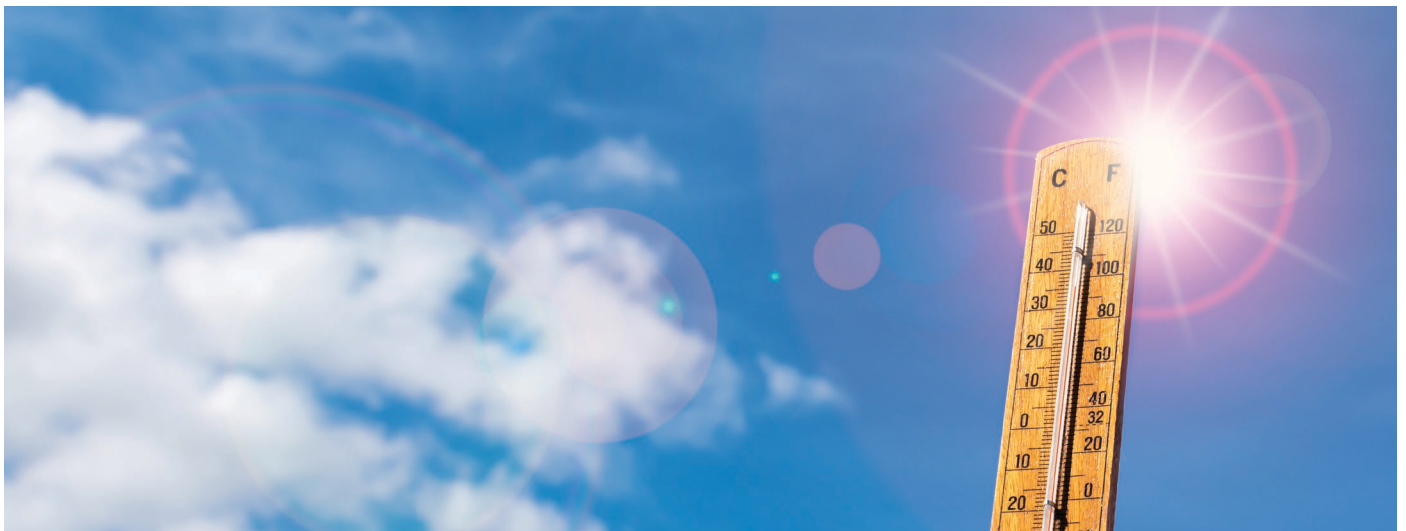


Manténgase fresco este verano: consejos sencillos y sostenibles para combatir el calor

A medida que los veranos de Colorado se vuelven más secos y cálidos, es vital encontrar maneras inteligentes y sostenibles de estar fresco, sobre todo en el caso de los que carecemos de aire acondicionado o deseamos consumir menos energía. Aquí le indicamos un conjunto de estrategias ecológicas y de bajo costo para mantener su casa y su cuerpo frescos durante todo el verano:

- Baje persianas y corra cortinas durante el día. Los rayos de sol que se filtran por las ventanas pueden calentar rápidamente su casa. Esto es especialmente importante en las ventanas que miran hacia el sur y el oeste.
- Utilice los ventiladores de manera estratégica. Para empujar el aire más fresco hacia abajo, los ventiladores de techo deben funcionar en sentido contrario a las agujas del reloj. En el caso de ventiladores oscilantes, sitúelos cerca de una ventana durante el atardecer, de modo que empujen el aire exterior más fresco hacia el interior.
- Refresque primero su cuerpo. Beba mucha agua, aplique compresas húmedas y frescas sobre el cuello o las muñecas, y evite comidas pesadas. Llevar ropa de tejidos ligeros y transpirables, como algodón o lino, puede ayudarle a sentirse más cómodo.
- Abra las ventanas por la noche. Aproveche las temperaturas más frescas de la noche abriendo ventanas para que escape el calor. Por la mañana, ciérrelas de nuevo para atrapar el aire fresco.
- Desenchufe los aparatos electrónicos que no esté utilizando. Incluso apagados, generan calor. Desenchufe lo que no esté usando para reducir el calor y la factura eléctrica.
- Dé sombra a su espacio. Si su vivienda cuenta con espacio exterior, suspenda una tela en forma de vela, añada una sombrilla o un árbol de maceta para bloquear el sol. Las plantas no solo proporcionan sombra, también refrescan el aire a través de la evaporación.

Con pequeños arreglos e implementando métodos naturales para refrescarse y refrescar el ambiente, puede sentirse mejor, conservar energía y proteger su salud durante periodos de calor extremo. Todo pequeño detalle ayuda, sobre todo si nos mantenemos frescos juntos.





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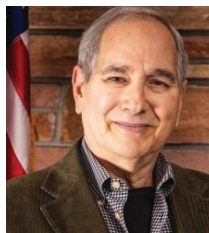
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