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A NEWS ROUNDUP IN YOUR INBOX

It's more important than ever to get timely information about the city and our community.

The City of Boulder E-newsletter is a bimonthly roundup of city news, information and events in bite-sized pieces that help you stay up-to-date.

Visit BoulderColorado.gov/communications/city-newsletters to sign up for the citywide e-newsletter and choose from a dozen others from various departments and subject matters.



PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS

It's essential that members of our community have access to the internet. **You may connect to the internet for free at many public locations.**

Take any device that can connect to WiFi, such as a smartphone, tablet or laptop computer to areas at these buildings and select "ConnectBoulder" in your device WiFi settings:

- **Downtown Civic Area**
- **Scott Carpenter Park**
- **Boulder Reservoir**
- **Pearl Street from 18th to 20th streets**
- **All public libraries in Boulder**

Note: you may use ConnectBoulder WiFi outside of these buildings, even if they are closed.

Facing adversity together



JANE BRAUTIGAM
CITY MANAGER

All you have to do is walk down Pearl Street to see how Boulder – like communities around the globe – has been impacted by COVID-19. Pearl Street is normally bustling this time of year, but it is quiet. People are wearing face coverings, and many businesses are closed or operating under strict guidelines intended to limit the spread of the coronavirus.

People's lives have been impacted too. There are more than 1,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Boulder County. My heart goes out to all the individuals and families that have

been shaken by this life-threatening disease. As businesses have closed or limited operations, many are struggling financially, and I sympathize with the painful decisions they must make in this difficult time. This has been an incredibly challenging time for our community—but the City of Boulder will continue its critical work to limit the spread of the virus, provide help to those in need and, in coordination with public health agencies, move toward recovery and reopening in a safe, methodical way.

The City of Boulder began swift, coordinated efforts with local, county and state partners in early March to address this public health crisis. The city ordered its facilities closed, declared a local disaster emergency and issued a variety of emergency orders to help limit the spread of the coronavirus, including a face coverings order. The city now continues to work with public and private partners to effectively assess and respond to the impacts on Boulder, including those to businesses and the local economy.

Community members in need have turned to the city for assistance throughout this crisis. The city has worked with its partners to provide up-to-date news, information and resources in English and Spanish to our community. Whether it's assistance with food, housing, healthcare or childcare, the city is here to help community members find the support they need. In an effort to protect some of our most vulnerable community members, the city partnered with Boulder County and the City of Longmont to open the COVID-19 Recovery Center here in Boulder

to help people experiencing homelessness.

The City of Boulder organization has also experienced financial impacts from the pandemic. The city is projecting more than \$30 million in lost revenues this year due to the impact of the virus on sales taxes and other revenue sources. The city has made some difficult but necessary decisions to adjust projects, programs, services and staffing levels to respond to public health orders as well as to reduce expenses. At the same time, the City of Boulder has prioritized the provision of essential services that our community relies on and needs to recover. The city has developed a phased plan for gradually reopening facilities and buildings based on public health guidance and the ability to maintain physical distancing.

Our city and community are rising to the challenges raised by this global pandemic. Police officers, firefighters and other frontline city staff continue to bravely serve our community. Healthcare workers dedicate long hours to care for those in need. Businesses are finding creative ways to operate while following public health guidelines. Community members have pulled together to help each other, donating their time, money and energy to help those most impacted by or vulnerable to the virus.

As it did after the 2013 flood, our community has demonstrated and will continue to demonstrate its resilience in the face of challenges. As Boulder gradually and carefully moves to reopen city facilities and businesses, we are reminded that there is hope. We are reminded that when we work together as a community, there is no adversity that we can't overcome. And, though it will take time, Boulder will emerge stronger and more resilient than ever before.

Visit bouldercolorado.gov/coronavirus for the latest news and information about COVID-19 and the city's response to the virus.

Connect with us

Find the City of Boulder on social media

Get the latest news, information and videos about what's happening in our community.



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Working together to better our community



MARIS HEROLD
BOULDER POLICE CHIEF

This is a difficult time in our nation. I began my role as police chief in April, amid a global pandemic. To protect our community during this public health crisis I've been unable to have face-to-face interactions with community members and leaders, which I believe are incredibly important. Recently, our country has been rocked by protests over the senseless killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer.

There is no justification for his death, as every person on this earth deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. I recognize that, for too long, in many parts of our country, Black Americans

have feared the very people who are supposed to protect and serve them. I understand where the frustration and anger are coming from and support protests that are carried out in a peaceful manner.

We need police reform at a national level, and at the local level, the Boulder Police Department is committed to fair and equitable policing in partnership with our community. The Police Oversight Ordinance passed in October 2019 is just one step. I am committed to implementing a roadmap for change in the department, and as we move forward, I will be accessible, transparent and adaptable. We will get through these hard times together and emerge as a stronger community.

I have high expectations for myself and the Boulder Police Department and place significant value on partnerships between police and the community. As such, I am working to have as many one-on-one meetings as possible, both with community leaders and our staff.

While we have some challenges and healing ahead of us, I believe Boulder has excellent officers and staff dedicated to public safety. They are sincerely interested in partnering with the community to ensure the highest standards and an equitable approach to

local policing.

I began my career in social work, serving as a sexual assault investigator and a psychiatric intake worker at a juvenile mental health facility. I hold a bachelor's degree in sociology, a master's degree in criminal justice, and I'm approaching three decades of experience in which I've received various awards. These awards have been for successful police reform efforts, community collaboration, and large-scale problem-solving projects to reduce crime and improve services for at-risk populations. I tell you this not to brag, but to show you my career-long commitment to community-police partnerships.

I am grateful for the opportunity to bring my perspective to the Boulder community, and I hope to ensure that voices throughout our community are heard. We will engage in innovative and collaborative policing strategies, and over the next several months our Boulder police team will be working diligently to ensure that our policies, procedures, and guidelines meet or exceed national standards. Some goals include enhancing police-community relationships, building upon our technology platforms and focusing on data-driven strategies to protect our community.

I believe that members of the Boulder Police Department have tremendous capacity and are doing exceptional work for the community. I feel honored to be here and look forward to working with them to enhance our community's safety and quality of life. Thank you for welcoming me to this beautiful city and for your ongoing support for the Boulder Police Department.

Have you taken the census yet?

It's safe, important and easy. It takes only about 10 minutes and your response helps direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities.

Almost 70% of people in Boulder have completed the census.

Help us get to 100% by completing the census online at my2020census.gov or by phone at 844-330-2020.



Updates on city transportation projects

The city's construction projects highlighted below are continuing due to contract deadlines and public need. The city and its partners are committed to community safety and will continue to follow public health guidelines while providing this essential service.

30th and Colorado Bike and Pedestrian Underpass

This project will provide important safety, accessibility, mobility and drainage improvements to the intersection. The project area is an important travel corridor for the community and the University of Colorado Boulder. Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2020 and last for approximately 18 months.

Foothills Parkway Bicycle and Pedestrian Underpass

This project will improve mobility for those of all ages and abilities by providing a direct and accessible underpass crossing of Foothills Parkway, the most heavily traveled roadway in the city. Construction started in September 2019 and is anticipated to last through October 2020.

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

HSIP is a federally funded program administered by the Colorado Department of Transportation to address locations with a history of crashes, some of which are severe and/or fatal. In 2020, the city will begin work on HSIP-funded projects at: Colorado Ave. and Regent Drive; Baseline Road and 29th Street; and Broadway and Rayleigh Road. These projects will improve safety and comfort for all modes of transportation. The city was also recently awarded HSIP funding for four projects to be constructed in 2022.

North Broadway Reconstruction

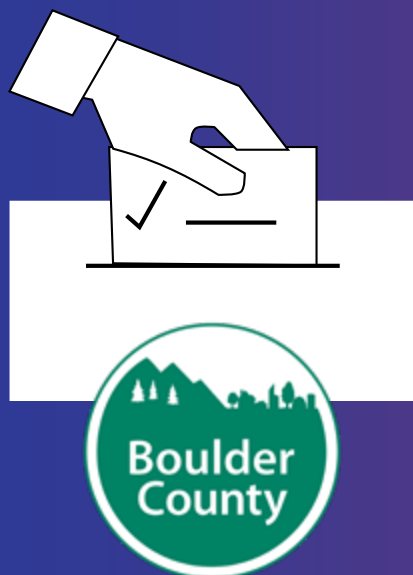
This project will provide long-term pavement maintenance and improve travel safety for all modes of transportation from Violet Ave. to U.S. Highway 36. Advanced preparation work such as potholing and utility relocations is underway with construction slated to begin in fall 2020.



BOULDER CONE ZONES | MAJOR CONSTRUCTION

For the latest updates on current and upcoming City of Boulder construction projects, including those that may affect traffic and parking in the city, be sure to check **BoulderConeZones.net**.

For more information about these projects, visit **boulder.colorado.gov/transportation**



JUNE PRIMARY ELECTION

What you need to know

- Make sure your voter registration mailing address is up-to-date, so you can receive your June 30 primary ballot at your proper location.
- To participate in the June primary election, you must be registered as a Democrat, Republican, Libertarian or unaffiliated voter.
- 17-year-olds who will turn 18-years-old by the General Election (Nov. 3) can vote in the primary.
- There is no registration deadline. You can register and vote up to and including Election Day.

For more information visit **BoulderCountyVotes.org**, call **303-413-7740** or email **vote@bouldercountyvotes.org**.



Helping businesses through the COVID-19 crisis

Through the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Boulder has worked closely with public and private partners to assess and respond to impacts on Boulder businesses and the local economy.

"This has been a difficult time for our community as the COVID-19 virus has impacted our healthcare system, our daily routines and our economy," said Boulder City Manager Jane Brautigam. "Many businesses and their employees have been affected, and the city and its partners have been working tirelessly to help."

Since March, the city has leveraged existing partnerships to understand and address the impacts of COVID-19 on local businesses and the economy. This coordination has increased effectiveness, helped stretch resources and avoid duplication of efforts.

In early April, the city surveyed more than 1,200 businesses and found that 95% had been impacted by the COVID-19 public health crisis. While more than half were able to continue operations, most had made changes including closing facilities to the public, discontinuing onsite sales and requiring social distancing. Many businesses have also decreased staffing levels. Most

businesses had a decline in income, and many indicated they need financial support and other assistance.

Examples of assistance the city and its partners offer include information on local, state and federal resources; free business webinars and consulting; assistance with applying for Economic Injury Disaster Loans, Payroll Protection Program and other federal relief programs; as well as a local Small Business Relief Fund to provide grants to help offset expenses related to COVID-19.

The full impact of the pandemic on the local economy and the time it will take to recover is unclear. Fortunately, Boulder's economy was strong before the crisis, and many of the characteristics that helped the community weather the Great Recession have not changed, including a collaborative business climate, diverse mix of businesses, well-educated workforce, visionary entrepreneurs and world-class research institutions. The community's innovative and entrepreneurial spirit and support for local businesses will play a key role in adapting and recovering from COVID-19.

Find more information and resources at bouldercolorado.gov/coronavirus-business-resources.

**Thanks to
these and other
partners**

Boulder County
Boulder Chamber

Boulder Convention &
Visitors Bureau
Boulder Economic
Council

Latino Chamber of
Boulder County
Downtown Boulder
Partnership

Boulder Small
Business Development
Center

Community
Foundation Boulder
County



City of Boulder event schedule changes

The following events and programs have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please go to bouldercolorado.gov for the latest information.

Boulder Public Library Concert Series

Postponed

Boulder Creek Fest

Canceled

Fireworks at Folsom Field, July 4th celebration

Canceled

How are we doing?



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community newsletter and
serve you better.

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a smartphone camera
or type the link into a
web browser.



BOULDER PUBLIC LIBRARY 2020 SUMMER OF DISCOVERY

Summer 2020

OUR CONNECTED STORIES



Safer at Home Summer Fun with Boulder Public Library

Your library is here for you. Adults and youth can visit **BoulderLibrary.org** for e-books, audiobooks, virtual events, movies, music, research resources, online library cards, a wide range of classes, storytime and much more. Our Summer of Discovery reading program for children, teens and adults is going online, with virtual activities and events, and the ability to track your summer reading online to keep your family connected. This year's theme is "Our Connected Stories."

Library questions?
Check **BoulderLibrary.org** for updates
or email **ask@boulderlibrary.org**

A person in silhouette is bent over, cleaning a metal chair with a spray bottle. The scene is set in a room with large windows in the background, through which trees and a bright sky are visible. The lighting is dramatic, with the person and chair in deep shadow against the bright light from the windows.

Inside the COVID-19 Recovery Center

*Volunteers working to protect
Boulder's most vulnerable*

The COVID-19 Recovery Center needs volunteers like you.

Please go to bouldercolorado.gov/crc-training to find out more and sign up.

Boulder County went under a stay-at-home order in mid-March, but many across the county don't have a place to call home.

The COVID-19 Recovery Center (CRC) was quickly set up in Boulder to fill that gap and provide people experiencing homelessness with a safe place to recover and rest. People who were either symptomatic or had tested positive for COVID-19 were accepted, which also helped to limit the spread of the virus in our community.

Since it opened, more than 130 community members have been working or volunteering at the CRC 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. They've contributed over 4,600 hours of service to help dozens of individuals experiencing homelessness.

One community volunteer, Kruti Patel, has contributed almost 200 volunteer hours at the CRC.

"I felt like it's my responsibility to help the community during this

disaster ... I will always be grateful to be part of this effort," she said.

The work proved to be impactful. Patel said some residents left notes of appreciation, saying they got better thanks to the help provided

"None of this would have been accomplished without the amazing efforts of committed Boulder staff members and our community volunteers."

- Vicki Ebner, City of Boulder

by the CRC. "[It] made me feel like we were really making a difference," said Patel.

Allison Crump, an employee transportation coordinator for the City of Boulder, helped welcome those in need. On a typical day, she would check them in, go over their health histories and give them a bag of essential supplies, which included items like toothpaste and soap. Residents have their own room, are

able to shower, get regular meals and receive daily visits from medical practitioners.

Another volunteer decided to step up because other people can't.

"Because I wasn't spending time around older adults, I'm not a caregiver, and I don't have children, I felt compelled in my gut to do it," said Whitney Garcia, a program coordinator for the city's Housing and Human Services department.

This service has proved to be incredibly important, but thankfully not many individuals have needed the service. Vicki Ebner,

City of Boulder homeless initiatives manager, said she's been pleasantly surprised at the relatively low number of people using the service.

"I think that can be attributed to setting this system up early in the crisis and the strong system of health screening that occurs at our other shelters," she said.

The East Boulder Community Center is the current location for the CRC. It is regularly sanitized to reduce any possible contagion, and the Boulder Parks and Recreation Department is working hard to plan for any re-opening of recreation facilities and programming.

Management of any facility that houses the CRC will adhere to city and public health guidance.

The safety and health of the community is the city's top priority

Photos by Jenn Flemming at Boulder County, a CRC partner

Together in crisis

The public health crisis caused by the coronavirus has been an unprecedented experience for many in our community, nation and world. As after the 2013 flood in Boulder, our community has again demonstrated its resilience in the face of challenges, showing a commitment to take care of each other.

The City of Boulder has been working hard to ensure the health and safety of everyone in our community, and we encourage you to continue following public health guidelines to help protect yourself, your family and your neighbors.

LOCAL RESPONSE TO THE CORON

Take a look back at the quick, decisive response from the City of Boulder and other local government organizations over the past few months.

MARCH

MARCH 3

City begins providing regular **updates** about coronavirus in English and Spanish on website and TV channel

MARCH 5

First positive case of coronavirus reported in Colorado

MARCH 10

Boulder County Public health issues **spring break travel guidance**, cautioning against travel plans.

Gov. Jared Polis issues disaster declaration for the state of Colorado, giving the state more resources to control the outbreak.

MARCH 11

City updates community on response efforts: working with partners to monitor outbreak, mitigate the spread of germs, and encourage community members to practice hygiene

MARCH 13

Boulder Valley School District **schools close to limit spread**

MARCH 14, 2020

Boulder County announces **first resident that tests presumptive positive** for COVID-19

City of Boulder and **Boulder County**

each issue local disaster emergency, providing local governments with tools necessary to protect the public health and safety

Boulder Valley School District begins **emergency food distribution**

MARCH 15

City of Boulder **closes all city buildings** and facilities through March 29

MARCH 16

State health department issues order **closing Colorado bars, restaurants, gyms and theaters**

City of Boulder issues order **prohibiting large groups** on publicly owned areas

City Council holds emergency meeting to address coronavirus response

MARCH 17

Community spread of COVID-19 confirmed in Boulder County

MARCH 18

State of Colorado orders **suspension of normal in-person instruction** at all public and private elementary and secondary schools from March 23 to April 17

MARCH 19

Gov. Polis secures federal loan assistance for Colorado's small businesses

State health department issues **order limiting gatherings to ten people**

MARCH 20

COVID-19 Recovery Center for unhoused individuals opens

City of Boulder **extends closure of all city buildings and facilities** through April 19

MARCH 22

Gov. Polis orders Colorado employers to **reduce in-person workforces by 50%**

MARCH 23

Boulder Chamber and city decide to **relight Boulder Star** as a symbol of caring and unity

MARCH 24

City of Boulder **stay at home order goes into effect**

MARCH 25

State of Colorado issues stay at home order

MARCH 27

City **updates homeless services** to meet needs during COVID-19 response

MARCH 29

Gov. Polis **secures major disaster status** for Colorado

Total confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of June 1, 2020



1,004+
in Boulder County

27,360
in Colorado

1.86 million
in the United States

6.54 million
in the world

AVIRUS PANDEMIC

This is an ongoing situation.
Find more detail and the latest information:
bouldercolorado.gov/coronavirus

APRIL

APRIL 2

City of Boulder **extends building and facility closures** to April 30

APRIL 6

Gov. Polis **extends statewide stay at home order**

City Council urges community to come together and **reject discrimination related to COVID**

APRIL 7

City Council begins **allowing virtual open comment** and public hearings

City of Boulder and local philanthropists announce **\$250,000 seed funding** for the COVID-19 Small Business Relief Fund

CARES Act allocates \$485,056 to Boulder for COVID-19 prevention and response

APRIL 9

City encourages safe and **responsible recreation**

APRIL 10

City of Boulder launches **grassroots program to share COVID-19 information** in neighborhoods

APRIL 15

"Creative Neighborhoods: COVID-19 Work Projects" **funds the creation of**

new artwork to help support creatives during the crisis

APRIL 20

Gov. Polis provides update on state response to COVID-19, lays out path to **relaxing stay-at-home orders**

City of Boulder furloughs 737 employees due to **economic impact** of COVID-19

APRIL 21

Metro health officials work together on **data-informed regional strategies for protecting communities**

APRIL 23

City announces most City of Boulder buildings and **facilities to remain closed through June 1**

Library technologists **3D print PPE to share** with community

APRIL 24

Boulder County extends **stay-at-home order through May 8**

APRIL 29

City of Boulder requires **face coverings in critical businesses**

MAY

MAY 9

Boulder County begins "Safer-at-Home" COVID phase, requires face

coverings in public spaces where physical distance of at least 6 feet cannot be maintained

New types of businesses are allowed to reopen in Boulder County under strict guidelines

MAY 20

City **closes area near Eben G. Fine Park** due to lack of compliance with public health guidelines

MAY 22

Boulder County **extends face covering order**

MAY 26

The city **launches Boulder Business Recovery Program**, a streamlined process for local restaurants to expand outdoor seating under the state's new Safer-at-Home restaurant guidelines

JUNE

JUNE 1

Gov. Polis extends statewide safer-at-home order extended to July 1

City of Boulder launches curbside pickup zones to help businesses

City of Boulder **announces additional service changes** and budget cuts to address financial impacts of COVID-19, including staff reductions and adjustments to non-essential projects, programs and services

GET THE HELP YOU NEED

We want to ensure that community members across Boulder are connected to helpful services and accurate, up-to-date information during the coronavirus outbreak in Colorado.

Please go to **bouldercolorado.gov/coronavirus** for a thorough list of resources, including information about pets, landlord-tenant assistance and more.

BASIC NEEDS — FOOD, HEALTHCARE, CHILDCARE

The City of Boulder is working to meet the needs of our community members impacted by COVID-19. This work is occurring in close coordination with Boulder County and the many community partners that provide services meeting the basic needs of the community. **Call CO-Help at 303-389-1687 or 1-877-462-2911 or email COHELP@RMPDC.org** for answers in English and Spanish.

For an updated list of services related to basic needs such as food assistance, healthcare and childcare, go to **bouldercolorado.gov/links/fetch/48239**.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Boulder County's Emergency Family Assistance Agency offers financial assistance for critical necessities to help stabilize households and prevent homelessness. Contact the agency for questions on assistance with rent, transportation and other expenses: call **303-442-3042** or visit **efaa.org/get-help/what-we-do-2**.

HOUSING HELP

If you have concerns about your ability to pay your rent or mortgage, call the **Boulder County Housing Helpline at 303-441-1206** to leave a detailed message for a housing specialist, who will return the call within one to two business days to discuss options for support. In addition to rental assistance, other available help with housing includes landlord-tenant mediation, financial coaching, guidance on mortgage payment suspension and loan modification for homeowners and landlords, and more.

HOMELESSNESS

People should call **Coordinated Entry at 303-579-4404** to discuss year-round programs and shelter options. Coordinated Entry is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., except Tuesdays, when it is open from noon to 4 p.m. and is currently located at Boulder Shelter for the Homeless (4869 Broadway).

SCAMS

The Boulder County District Attorney's Office has warned the public about a variety of tactics used by scammers that are related to the coronavirus. Contact The City of Boulder to learn more about coronavirus scams and how to avoid them.

FOR BUSINESSES

The city's Community Vitality Department is working with partner organizations to appreciate, anticipate and appropriately respond to short- and long-term business needs. Please find information and resources for businesses impacted by the coronavirus at **bouldercolorado.gov/coronavirus-business-resources**.

Are you wearing a face covering?

A face covering is made of cloth, fabric or other soft or permeable material without holes that covers the nose, mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face.

It may be bought or handmade using ordinary household materials, as long as it fits snugly but comfortably. Patterns, instructional videos and other resources for making a face covering can be found at **ColoradoMaskProject.com**.

Masks must be worn anywhere in public, including the outdoors, when six feet of distance cannot be maintained, under Boulder County's **facial covering order**. Additionally, businesses must ensure employees, vendors and customers wear non-medical face coverings, under City of Boulder **emergency order 2020-15**.

Persons with medical conditions who cannot wear a face covering are exempt with a doctor's note.



Going outside? Practice responsible recreation

Please remember to enjoy, respect, protect

The City of Boulder recognizes that outdoor recreation is important for our physical health and mental well-being. Whether at your neighborhood park, Pearl Street Mall or an open space trail, help us keep these spaces safe and fun. Right now, that includes protecting our community by following important public health guidelines. Below are some important reminders, but please check bouldercolorado.gov/coronavirus for the latest information about responsible recreation.

- Coloradans are strongly encouraged to **stay home as much as possible** under the statewide safer-at-home order.
- **Be kind.** Remember, this is a challenging time for everyone, especially vulnerable community members.
- You should **only travel locally** or as necessary to access outdoor recreation areas. If traveling outside our community, please honor all restrictions in place at your destination and avoid travel to counties or municipalities that issue travel restrictions.
- When you go out, you must follow physical distancing requirements. **Maintain at least 6 feet of space** between yourself and others not in your household.
- **Face coverings are required** in indoor and outdoor public spaces where physical distance cannot be maintained, under a Boulder County public health order still in effect as of June 1.
- **Vulnerable people at high risk** of severe illness from COVID-19 should follow stay-at-home recommendations, which means only leaving home for medical care and essential activities.
- **Plan ahead.** Check out OSMPTrails.org to get tips on trails less traveled and find other tips to keep our community safe while recreating.

Year-round reminders for parks and open space

- **Leave No Trace.** Dispose of all litter and dog waste properly in marked containers or pack it out with you if containers are full. Stay on open space trails and walk through mud. Step off trail if you need to maintain distance but quickly step back on trail.
- **Protect first responders.** Know your limits and don't take unnecessary risks.
- **Leave alcohol at home.** Possession of open containers and consumption of alcohol in public is prohibited without a permit.
- **Keep parks and open space Fido-friendly for all.** Dogs must be on a leash at all times in city parks. Visit VoiceandSight.org to learn more about walking your dogs off leash on city trails. Always pick up pet waste.
- **No fires or smoking are permitted**, unless cooking in a permanently erected grill by the city for this purpose or by permit. Open space grills are closed when fire bans are in place.
- **Bring appropriate park-friendly gear.** Balls, guitars and the like are welcome, but other items like glass containers, firearms and other projectile weapons are prohibited.

Boulder's environmental legacy

more than a century of sustainability

Boulder has been taking action to protect our natural resources and lead in sustainability for more than a century—from purchasing open space to preserve in 1898, to becoming one of the first cities in the nation to have access to curbside compost and recycling.

Generations of Boulder residents have created an innovative public land legacy of over 46,300 acres of open space, with plans to maintain and improve it. We are exploring how to best support our native species and ecosystems and contributing to neighborhood livability through our transportation planning and parks system. We're making sure that we are walking the talk as a city organization, by adding solar to our facilities and increasing the availability of public electric vehicle charging stations. And, to actively work toward creating a safe, healthy and prepared community for all,

Boulder's Climate Mobilization Action Plan is putting resilience and equity at the forefront of climate action.

Our legacy serves as an important foundation for our local work to both mitigate and adapt to a changing climate. And that work continues, as it must, to ensure our future.

Join the legacy

We understand this is a difficult time for our community, as it is throughout our state, nation and world. Even in these uncertain times, you still have the power to help each other and our planet. Like one voice in a choir, each of our actions collectively makes a difference. If you're able, please join us in taking an action to help Boulder become an even more sustainable and resilient community. Go online to boulder.earth for actions you can take and information on how to get involved.

2019 Boulder City Council declares a climate emergency, joining other cities around the globe in acknowledging the serious threat of the climate crisis.

2016 Boulder City Council passes Resolution 1190 that recognizes the harm done to indigenous peoples and acknowledges that "we have a shared responsibility to forge a path forward to address the past and continuing harm to Indigenous People and the land."

2011 Boulder voters approve the first round of funding to explore the creation of a local electric utility as a pathway to achieve 100% clean energy.

2002 The City of Boulder sets its first greenhouse gas emissions reduction target in line with the Kyoto Protocol.

1994 Voters approve a trash tax to fund community waste reduction efforts

1976 Boulder Creek Path opened as the first city greenway.

1987 Boulder is one of the first 20 communities in the nation to offer recycling to residents.

1967 Boulder residents vote to become the first city in the nation to tax itself for the acquisition, management, and maintenance of open space land.

1920 Boulder purchases land to help prevent the Red Rocks and the Flatirons from being mined by stone quarries and other commercial uses.



Check out the full 122 year timeline online at ow.ly/P8GI50zSEve

Celebrating our community's climate action successes

Our community's climate legacy is marked by many accomplishments, including the fact that **Boulder voters were the first in the country to tax themselves to support climate programs.** The Climate Action Plan (CAP) Tax has provided a strong foundation for the city's recent work, as it provides funding for a host of energy efficiency and conservation programs.

Since the tax was approved in 2006, \$21 million has been invested back into the community, helping reduce community-wide emissions by 18% and saving millions in energy costs. Core programs include Solar Grants, which make it easier for affordable housing owners and nonprofits to install solar, as well as SmartRegs, EnergySmart, and the Building Performance

The CAP Tax at work

Ordinance, which help residents and businesses significantly reduce their energy consumption. Many of these programs have been replicated in other cities, amplifying their impact.

The CAP Tax is also supporting our climate future through innovative efforts, such as transit electrification, starting with the diesel-to-electric conversion of a HOP bus, as well as programs to reduce natural gas use, create new clean energy jobs, and protect and strengthen our natural ecosystems.

\$5M
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND
RENEWABLE REBATES

↓18%
REDUCTION IN
COMMUNITY GREEN-
HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

48
PUBLIC ELECTRIC
VEHICLE CHARGING
STATIONS

**40
MW**
NEW LOCAL SOLAR

↓30%
PER GDP ENERGY
USE DECLINE

↓10%
DECLINE IN HOUSEHOLD
ENERGY USE

A full break down of how the CAP Tax has been spent and the overall accomplishments is available at bouldercolorado.gov/climate

Local Power in Focus What happens during an emergency?

We all count on reliable electric service to power our homes, businesses and activities. Summer can bring intense thunderstorms, high winds and wildfire risk, which can all affect access to power. If the city began operating its own electric utility, here's how it would operate during an emergency.

Prepare — Electric utilities are always working to maintain and improve the grid to protect it from threats. This includes placing more infrastructure underground and out of harm's way, trimming trees and replacing old and weathered poles. Preparation also includes signing mutual aid agreements with other regional electric utilities.

Respond — The safety of customers and crews is a top priority during the power restoration process. If the utility is able, it will restore the power and communicate with customers. Sometimes, major outages require more resources than a single utility can provide.



For the most up-to-date information on the city's ongoing settlement negotiations with Xcel Energy visit bouldercolorado.gov/local-power/working-with-xcel-energy.

Mutual Aid — Mutual aid agreements are very common in the utility industry. For example, the City of Boulder is currently a member of the Colorado Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network, which provides restoration support during and after disasters.

The electric power industry's mutual aid program is a voluntary partnership of electric companies across the country committed to helping restore power whenever and wherever assistance is needed, when it is safe to do so.

As an electric utility, the city will enter into mutual aid agreements with utilities in the region and participate in the American Public Power Association's Mutual Aid Plan, which provides access to a broader network of resources.



Emergency response connectors build bridges across boulder community

The City of Boulder helped assemble a team of community members in April to share COVID-19 information, educate their neighbors about community resources, and document concerns and issues raised by members of our community.

The Emergency Response Connectors program is meant to provide equitable information distribution across the diverse cultures within Boulder through community members who are trusted voices within their neighborhoods.

They help neighbors empower each other in various ways during this difficult and unique time, while prioritizing their health and the health of the community by strictly following public health guidelines and maintaining physical distance.

"If something happened to my community because of a natural disaster, that's my responsibility to them," said Dinesh Kumar Karki, an Emergency Response Connector. "Now I can guide and help them...I help to talk in Nepali with my community and try to solve problems."

One example of this is within the San Juan del Centro community. A bicultural and bilingual connector relied on her relationships with neighbors to provide culturally relevant education about the stay-at-home order. When some community members continued to gather, posing a public health risk, she worked with city staff to distribute 150 educational flyers and dozens of masks.

In another neighborhood, one connector converted their Free Little Library into a food pantry to share groceries and supplies, and this inspired two other connectors to do the same. These are just some examples of the ways the connectors have been working to develop creative ways to keep their neighbors informed. They

also provide opportunities for two-way communication between residents and local government.

"These connectors focus on outreach to peers and neighbors, and this program is an effort to center lived experiences," said Brenda Ritenour, the city's neighborhood liaison. "We want to fully hear and respond to community needs and concerns."

ABOUT THE PILOT

The project team is conducting this pilot as a new model for supporting disaster response in the City of Boulder and Boulder County. Some stipend-based Emergency Response Connectors live or work within hard-to-reach or under-represented communities, providing information in more accessible and trusted ways. Other connectors are volunteers who have either led community-building efforts in their neighborhood previously or attended the Better Together disaster preparedness classes hosted by the City of Boulder and Boulder County.



A community member receives a mask and usage guidelines from an Emergency Response Connector

Lea sobre esto en internet
[ow.ly/tTS650zVRer](https://www.boulder.gov/ow.ly/tTS650zVRer)

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)



You can help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses with these actions:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth.
- Practice social distancing by putting space between yourself & others.
- Wash hands often with soap & water for at least 20 seconds.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

¡Hola!

Este es el Boletín de la Ciudad de Boulder, en el encontrará información sobre noticias, programas, eventos y mucho más relacionado a la ciudad de Boulder.

¿Sabe usted quiénes dirigen el Gobierno de la ciudad de Boulder?

La ciudad de Boulder es un municipio y se rige a través de un Concejo Municipal y un Gerente Municipal. El Concejo Municipal tiene 9 integrantes a quienes elegimos a través de elecciones municipales cada 2 años. Dependiendo del número de votos que reciben, un concejal puede estar en su puesto por 2 o 4 años.

La función del Concejo Municipal es establecer leyes y políticas que luego administra la Gerente Municipal. Los miembros del Concejo Municipal votan entre ellos para elegir alcalde y vice alcalde por los 2 años que dura cada integración del concejo. Sin embargo, la labor de nuestro alcalde es más protocolaria que administrativa.

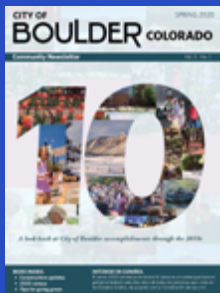


¿Qué opina?



Responda a esta corta encuesta y participe en un sorteo para ganarse una tarjeta de \$50 para usar en el área de Downtown Boulder

**puede usarla en más de 130 negocios, incluyendo supermercados, el Mercado de Agricultores del Condado de Boulder, tiendas y restaurantes.*



Valoramos su opinión y nos gustaría saber lo que piensa sobre esta publicación.

Esta encuesta toma solo un par de minutos y nos ayuda a mejorar el boletín comunitario y poder servirle mejor.

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Escanee el código QR con la cámara de un teléfono inteligente o escriba el enlace en un navegador web.



RECIBA LA AYUDA QUE NECESITA

Queremos asegurarnos que la comunidad de Boulder está conectada para recibir la ayuda e información que necesitan durante el brote de coronavirus en Colorado. Para ver una lista de recursos visite **bouldercolorado.gov/informacion-sobre-coronavirus**.

NECESIDADES BÁSICAS: COMIDA, CUIDADO DE SALUD Y CUIDADO INFANTIL

Aquí puede encontrar una lista actualizada con los servicios que ofrecemos relacionados a asistencia alimentaria, cuidado de salud y cuidado infantil **bouldercolorado.gov/links/fetch/48239**.

También puede llamar a CO-Help al 303-389-1687 or 1-877-462-2911 o enviar un correo electrónico a **COHELP@RMPDC.org** para información en español o inglés.

ASISTENCIA FINANCIERA

La organización EFAA, ofrece asistencia financiera para necesidades críticas para ayudar con la estabilidad y prevenir que la pérdida del hogar. Llámelos para recibir información sobre ayuda con el pago del alquiler, transporte, y otros gastos: 303-442-3042 o visite **efaa.org/obtener-ayuda**.

AYUDA CON VIVIENDA

Si le preocupa la posibilidad de no poder cubrir su pago de alquiler o de hipoteca, llame a la Línea de Ayuda al 303-441-1206 y deje un mensaje detallado sobre su situación, un especialista de vivienda le devolverá la llamada en un plazo de 1 a 2 días laborales.

PARA PERSONAS SIN HOGAR

Es importante llamar al servicio de **Admisión Coordinada** al **303-579-4404** para información sobre servicios y refugios. El servicio de Admisión Coordinada se encuentra en el refugio Boulder Shelter for the Homeless (4869 Broadway) y abre de 10 a.m. a 4 p.m., menos los días martes que abre de 12 a 4 p.m.


ESTAFAS

La Oficina del Fiscal del Condado de Boulder avisa a la comunidad sobre estafas relacionadas al coronavirus. Infórmese sobre estas estafas y **cómo evitarlas**.

PARA LAS EMPRESAS

Continuamos trabajando para anticipar y poder responder apropiadamente a las necesidades a corto y largo plazo de las empresas en Boulder. Puede encontrar información en este enlace: **bouldercolorado.gov/informacion-sobre-coronavirus** bajo el subtítulo "Información y Recursos para las empresas."

ENFERMEDAD DEL CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19)



Tú puedes ayudar a prevenir la propagación de enfermedades respiratorias con las siguientes medidas:

- Evita el contacto cercano con las personas enfermas.
- Evita tocarte los ojos, la nariz y la boca.
- Practica el distanciamiento social dejando espacio entre tú y los demás.
- Lávate las manos frecuentemente con agua y jabón por al menos 20 segundos.



cdc.gov/coronavirus-es

Nuevo Programa de Acceso Lingüístico



El Gobierno de la ciudad de Boulder ha creado el Programa de Acceso Lingüístico para asegurar que todas las personas que viven en la ciudad de Boulder tengan acceso a información, sin importar su capacidad de hablar o entender el inglés. Manuela Stewart Sifuentes, nueva gerente del programa, nos comparte: "Existen leyes federales que protegen este derecho y este programa está enfocado en asegurar que nuestra ciudad cumpla con estas leyes."

¿Qué significa LEP o CLI?

LEP son las siglas para el término Limited English Proficient, que en español significa Competencia Limitada en Inglés, o CLI, es decir que tienen dificultades para leer, escribir, hablar o entender el inglés. Esta dificultad puede ser en una o varias áreas de su vida. Digamos, puede que una persona tenga suficiente conocimiento del inglés en su área de trabajo pero aún le cuesta comunicarse en inglés en una cita médica.

También puede ser que una persona no tenga problemas con el inglés hablado, pero sí al leer o escribir. Bajo la ley federal Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles, estas personas tienen derechos lingüísticos.

¿Qué es Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles?

Esta ley, a menudo llamada solamente Título VI, prohíbe la discriminación basada en la raza, o el país de origen de una persona. Si en su país de origen no se habla inglés, pues es normal que usted no tenga un comando total del idioma. Sin embargo, no se le puede discriminar por no hablar inglés.

¿Cuáles derechos están protegidos bajo Título VI?

Título VI establece que cualquier agencia que reciba fondos federales debe asegurar que sus clientes puedan recibir información y servicios en su idioma. Es decir, le da el derecho a un intérprete (si la información o el servicio se dan de manera oral) o le da el derecho a recibir documentos traducidos a su idioma (si la información o el servicio se dan de manera escrita). Usted no tiene que pagar por estos servicios.

Si usted necesita interpretación, traducción o cualquier otra ayuda con relación al idioma para una junta, por favor comuníquese al 303-441-1905 con al menos 3 días laborales de anticipación.

Si tiene preguntas sobre este programa, puede comunicarse con Manuela al correo:

sifuentesm@bouldercolorado.gov o al teléfono 303-441-4035.

¿Sabía que...?

Desde 1972, la Ciudad de Boulder tiene una ley de derechos humanos que protege contra la discriminación ilícita dentro de los límites municipales.

La Ordenanza sobre Derechos Humanos brinda protección en tres áreas: vivienda, empleo, y establecimientos e instalaciones de uso público. La ordenanza protege específicamente contra la discriminación a una persona basada en su color de piel, variación de género, características genéticas, estatus migratorio, estado civil, discapacidad mental, origen nacional, discapacidad física, raza, linaje ancestral, creencias, religión, sexo, orientación sexual y fuente de ingresos.

Desde que comenzó la pandemia de COVID-19 han aumentado los casos de acoso verbal y físico contra miembros de nuestra comunidad, en particular personas asiático-americanas. Queremos recordar a toda nuestra comunidad que estos actos están penados por ley y que existen maneras de reportarlos. Se puede presentar una denuncia de discriminación que le sucedió a usted, en nombre de otra persona, o como testigo del acto discriminatorio.

La Oficina del Programa de Derechos Humanos se encuentra cerrada, pero usted puede hacer una denuncia por internet: bouldercolorado.gov/racial-equity/formulario-de-queja.

Si tiene preguntas sobre la Ordenanza sobre Derechos Humanos, puede comunicarse con Germán Velasco, Gerente del Programa de Derechos Humanos al correo velascog@bouldercolorado.gov o al **(303) 905-1083**.

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Important City of Boulder Phone Numbers

Emergency

911

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303-441-3333

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303-441-3388

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8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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