



CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS
In Person Meeting
Koelbel Library
5955 S. Holly St., Centennial, 80121
www.cencon.net

October 23, 2023; 6 pm

Agenda

1. 6 -7:15pm, Town Hall with 18th Judicial District Attorney John Kellner and Arapahoe County Sheriff Tyler Brown
2. Call CenCON to order: President C.J. Whelan called the CenCON meeting to order at 7:27 pm.
 - Attendance (A quorum was present.)

Algonquin Acres	Chapparral	Cherry Knolls
Fairways@SS	FoxRidge	Greenwood South
Heritage Greens	Heritage Place	Hunters Hill
Mira Vista	Monterey	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South
Palos Verdes (2)	Smoky Hill	Southwind (2)
Tiffany	Village @ Centennial	Village Co-op of Centennial
Walnut Hills	Willow Creek 2	
 - Guests: Arapahoe Library Dist., Centennial City Council, South Metro Fire Rescue
 - **Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.**
2. CenCON Business
 - A. President's Report, [C.J.Whelan](#)
 - CenCON will not be able to meet in the Library Admin. building after 1 Jan. due to scheduled construction. For the first quarter of the year, we'll schedule the meetings around the City.
 - There followed a brief discussion about possibly having a way to share our members' contact information. The Executive Board will look into this.
 - B. Secretary, [Andrea Suhaka](#)
 - There being no corrections, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the Sept. 2023 minutes as emailed. (Cummins/Hamilton)
 - C. Treasurer, [Jill Meakins](#)
 - CenCON has \$2,177.99 in our accounts.
 - Please see the Treasurer's Report attached below these minutes.
 - D. VP of Membership, [Andrew Spaulding](#): No report
 - E. VP of Plans, [Rhonda Livingston](#)
3. Centennial Government and Special Districts (We ask our guests to limit their comments to 7 minutes.)
 - A. [18th Judicial District, Aurora Ogg](#). This was addressed in the first hour of the meeting.
 - B. [South Metro Fire Rescue](#), Jens Dietryk
 - **The South Metro Board has taken a position opposing Proposition HH.**
 - **Jens distributed a sheet of SMFR Jan.-June 30 calls.**
 - **There've been ~5,000 911 SMFR responses, a 10% increase every year but, the majority are EMS calls. Actual fires went down.**

- October was Fire Prevention Month. A majority of the fires are kitchen fires. The slogan for Oct. Was: Cooking Safety Starts with You
 - SMFR has deployed 71 staff to 21 forest fires.
 - SMFR has 2-3 cardiac arrests per day; 46% of the time callers got a heartbeat over the phone. (Dispatch starts compressions over the phone)
 - Hamilton asked why are calls increasing every year? Response: Today there's more traffic, more seniors, people.
 - Rosser: On the heat map, there are some hot spots? Others in the room said Southglenn and Jens added senior facilities.
- C. [Arapahoe Park & Rec.](#), [Delos Searle](#), Exec. Director, or Ryan Bailey: Not present
- D. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Holly Whelan, Manager of Community Relations & Strategic Events
- 300 people attended the Henry Winkler event this month.
 - Items that will happen after November will not be on the ALD website until Dec.
 - **Used Book Sale: Collectible and Specialty Books**
 - *When:* Sat., Dec. 2, 9 am-4:30 pm
Sun., Dec. 3, 12-4 pm
 - *Saturday festivities:* Preview sale & Santa photos (for Friends of Arapahoe Libraries only): 7:30-9 am. Santa photos available to everyone: 9 am-1 pm
Original Dickens Carolers: 9:30 am-12:30 pm
 - *Where:* Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St., Centennial
 - Shop the year's best supply of collectable and specialty books at the Used Book Sale at Koelbel Library.
 - The sale will feature a large selection of gift-quality books, holiday books, children's books and more in top-notch condition.
 - Visit on Saturday for special holiday festivities, including photos with Santa and a performance by the Original Dickens Carolers.
 - Through book sales like this, The Friends of Arapahoe Libraries raise funds to support library events and services.
 - For more information, visit arapahoelibraries.org or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).
 - **Virtual Book Party: 2023 Favorite Books of the Year**
 - *What:* 2023 Favorite Adult Books of the Year
When: Tues., Dec. 5
Where: [YouTube](#)
 - *What:* 2023 Favorite Kids & Teens Books of the Year
When: Tues., Dec. 12
Where: [YouTube](#)
 - Looking for fun ideas for your winter reading list? Join us for our virtual book parties, where our librarians share their favorite books of 2023.
 - The virtual book party for adults will premiere on the Arapahoe Libraries YouTube channel on Tuesday, December 5.
 - The virtual party for kids and teens will premiere on Tuesday, December 12.
 - Closed captioning is provided.
 - For more information, visit arapahoelibraries.org or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).
 - Please note: events are posted on the Arapahoe Libraries website during the month prior.
 - **'A Very Vintage Holiday Show!' featuring The Denver Dolls and Mister Tim**

- *When:* Thurs., Dec. 21, 6:30-8 pm
Where: Embassy Suites Denver Tech Center, 10250 E. Costilla Ave., Centennial
- Join us for “A Very Vintage Holiday Show” with the Denver Dolls and Mister Tim at the Embassy Suites Denver Tech Center.
- This delightful performance will take you on a nostalgic journey to the golden era of music & entertainment.
- Much like Bing Crosby and The Andrews Sisters, Mister Tim and the Denver Dolls blend upbeat vocal harmonies and engaging showmanship with favorite holiday tunes and a little bit of comedy. It will be a festive show for all ages.
- Light refreshments will be provided, and there will be a cash bar onsite. Holiday attire is encouraged.
- For more information, visit arapahoelibraries.org or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

● ***Happy Noon Year: Outdoor Dance Party***

- *When:* Sun., Dec. 31, 11 am-12:30 pm
Where: Smoky Hill Library, 5430 S. Biscay Cir., Centennial
- Families and patrons of all ages are invited to “Happy Noon Year” at Smoky Hill Library.
- We’ll ring in the New Year with winter treats, an outdoor dance party and a countdown at noon.
- For more information, visit arapahoelibraries.org or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

E. [City of Centennial](#), District 4 Council member [Don Sheehan](#)

- Get your ballots in NOW.
- ***November 6*** - City Council meeting, 6 p.m. Civic Center
- ***November 10***- Veterans' Day Observed, City Offices Closed
- ***November 14***- City Council Meeting, 6 p.m. Civic Center
- ***November 15***- Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Employee Appreciation & Awards Banquet, 5:30 - 10 p.m., Inverness Hotel
- ***November 16 - 18***- National League of Cities Summit in Atlanta, GA
- ***November 23 & 24***- City Offices closed for Thanksgiving
- ***November 28***- District 1 meeting, 6-8 pm, YMCA Center of Generations, Streets at Southglenn
- ***December 2***- Centennial Holiday Celebration, 1-3 pm, Centennial Center Park
 - This year's event will host local youth choirs, Santa, free cookies and cocoa and family-friendly activities.
- The ***Homeless Outreach Liaison*** continues to conduct outreach to unhoused individuals & families in Centennial. In addition, Ms. ***Veronica Gates*** participates in numerous meetings with organizations providing homelessness resources and services, including the ***Faith Council, Change the Trend, and Homeless Committees*** in several jurisdictions. Ms. Gates has also been conducting outreach with the business community, visiting multiple establishments near her interactions with the unhoused, as well as several hotels & apartment buildings. She continues strengthening partnerships with other organizations providing homeless outreach, allowing her to venture into hot spots like the Highline Canal and the field behind IKEA without having to worry as much about safety concerns. CenCON will have her speak with us as soon as we can sync our schedules.

- Encounter Church contacted Ms. Gates about a family of five that was staying at Motel 6 on Arapahoe Rd. She was able to secure funding from Catholic Charities to get the family a flight back to Virginia, enabling them to reunite with family members who were willing to take them in.
- The Dept. of Local Affairs (DOLA) has formally accepted Centennial's application to opt-in to Proposition 123. The application includes a goal to increase the number of affordable housing units through **new construction or conservation of 108 affordable housing units by Dec. 31, 2026**. DOLA's acceptance means Centennial & private organizations operating in the City are eligible to apply for a range of grant programs operated by DOLA and Colorado Housing & Finance Authority (CHFA). Staff will continue to monitor these grant programs and will bring opportunities to Council and the City's partners as appropriate.
- The City has **completed the implementation of all energy conservation upgrades** at the Civic Center & the Public Works building, which included interior and exterior lighting upgrades, window film installation, rooftop HVAC unit replacements, and a new energy management system.
 - From Q1 through Q3 2023, the energy performance contract electric savings were an estimated **284,415 kilowatt hours and 3,880 therms of natural gas, and \$26,420 of utility savings**. (In 2022, the verified electric savings were 353,424 kilowatt hours and 5,184 therms of natural gas savings, and \$24,561 of utility savings.)
 - The City's contractor completed installation of rooftop solar panels at the Civic Center and is finishing the construction of the solar canopy structures in the Civic Center parking lot.
- **Orchard Road Widening**
 - Estimated completion: Spring 2024
 - Budget: \$1,996,202 (construction contract)
 - Project description: A design project on Orchard Rd between Ogden Ct & the High Line Canal is underway. This project intends to install a westbound, left turn lane into Franklin St, and also install curb, gutter, sidewalk, and an underground storm line within the identified stretch.
- **Arapahoe Rd & Clarkson Traffic Signal**
 - Design is complete
 - Estimated completion is 2024 TBD
 - Budget: \$123,000 (design); \$500,000 (construction estimate, \$400,000. DRCOG Safer Main Streets grant, \$100,000 City match)
- **Holly Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon System Crossing (south of Easter)**
 - Estimated completion is 2024 TBD
- **Alton Way Sidewalk and Street Lighting**
 - Estimated completion is 2024 spring
- **Arapahoe Rd. Bridge over Big Dry Creek Reconstruction**
 - Through Oct, crews will continue to build the roadway over Big Dry Creek. Crews are completing finishing activities for the bridge, including stone and wall aesthetic work. Under the bridge, crews continue stream stabilization efforts & will install new waterline infrastructure. In addition to the work above, crews will prepare and pave the North Trail through the construction zone.
 - Traffic continues to travel in new lane configurations. To support final roadway construction and paving, rolling lane closures are anticipated. Tentatively starting Oct. 18, traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction, and the phase

is anticipated to last 2 weeks. Closures at Elizabeth are also anticipated for an undetermined duration. Detour routes on University Blvd and Dry Creek Rd are highly encouraged.

4. Plans, [Rhonda Livingston](#), 2nd Vice President
 - *Rhonda can email site plan details to anyone who requests them.* You can also check www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial to see what's happening.
 - Let us know if there's subjects you want to hear about
5. Adjourn: C.J. adjourned the meeting at 8pm.

Next Meeting: November 27, 2023
No CenCON meeting in December!