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Connections

resources to live, play & explore



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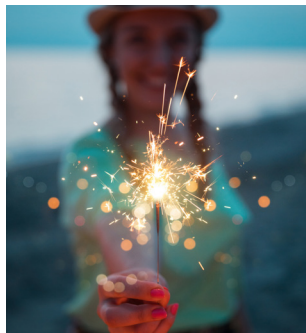


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DEAR RESIDENTS,

We understand there are a variety of communities throughout Colorado to call home; thank you for choosing Adams County. The Adams County Board of Commissioners believes in empowering residents because it's their voices, culture, traditions, perspectives, and ideas that make up the rich fabric of the Adams County community.

Adams County spans approximately 1,200 square miles and our neighborhoods are as unique as our county's landscape. From urban corridors to rolling, rural farmland, Adams County offers a variety of experiences for its residents. This guide has been created to help neighbors celebrate their neighborhoods in an effort to create a connected community that celebrates the fact that together "We Are Adams."

This guide will provide the resources, guidelines, and avenues to support the creation of virtual neighborhood groups. It also provides information on how to connect to existing groups and where to connect in the ongoing neighborhood conversations throughout Adams County. We understand your time is precious and we want to thank you in advance for wanting to create or engage in a neighborhood group.

Most Sincerely,

Your County Commissioners and County Manager
Adams County, Colorado

meet your
COUNTY LEADERSHIP



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additional
COUNTY RESOURCES

ARVADA | [Healthy Places Initiatives](#) | [Neighborhood Connected](#)

The City of Arvada offers a variety of resources for neighbors looking to connect. Their [Healthy Places Initiatives](#) look to make the neighborhood a healthy place to live. Also, [Neighborhood Connected](#) offers residents all the necessary information to create a neighborhood group and additional resources.

AURORA | [Resident Page](#)

The City of Aurora has a [Resident Page](#) that is full of information regarding neighborhoods. The city also has grant opportunities for residents to fund block parties, neighborhood beautification, and more! Their page will also link residents to Neighborhood Liaisons.

BENNETT | [Community Partner's Page](#)

The Town of Bennett has a [Community Partner's Page](#) that links its residents to local organizations, resources, transportation, and community events.

BRIGHTON | [Community Page](#) | [Resource Page](#)

The City of Brighton offers a [Community Page](#) with links to local events, resources, transportation, and more. There is also a [Resource Page](#).

COMMERCE CITY | [Resident Page](#)

Commerce City provides a [Resident Page](#) that highlights local neighborhood projects, events, recreation, latest survey results, local business resources, transportation information, public safety, opportunities for engagement, and more.



additional
COUNTY RESOURCES CONT'D

FEDERAL HEIGHTS | [*Residents Page*](#)

The City of Federal Heights has a [*Residents Page*](#) that provides neighborhood information, community resources, school information, recreation information, and upcoming city events.

LOCHBUIE | [*Community Voice Page*](#) | [*Town Newsletter*](#)

The Town of Lochbuie has a [*Community Voice Page*](#) that allows residents to suggest ideas, provide input on community initiatives, and request information on current events. There is also a [*Town Newsletter*](#) that keeps residents informed of events, resources, and other useful information.

NORTHGLENN | [*Residents Page*](#)

The City of Northglenn has a one-stop-shop [*Residents Page*](#) with information about the services available to city residents as well as general information about community events.

THORNTON | [*Community Connections Page*](#)

The City of Thornton has a [*Community Connections Page*](#) that links to resources available to residents, highlights city events, and provides links to additional resident city services.

WESTMINSTER | [*Residents Page*](#)

At the City of Westminster, everything a resident needs is located on one page. The [*Residents Page*](#) highlights city services, events, maps, resources, and even additional supportive services for new residents.

meet your
COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF

303.654.1850 *General Information*
adamssheriff.org

ANIMAL SHELTER

720.523.PETS (7387) *General Information*
animalshelter.adcogov.org

CLERK & RECORDER

adcogov.org/clerk-recorder

720.523.6500 *Elections*
adamsvotes.com

720.523.6010 *Motor Vehicle*
adcogov.org/motor-vehicle

720.523.6020 *Recording*
adcogov.org/recording

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

720.523.6800 *General Information*
adcogov.org/CED

720.523.6800 *Building Permits*
epermits.adcogov.org

720.523.6200 *Development Review*
adcogov.org/planning/currentcases

720.523.6800 *Long-Range Planning*
adcogov.org/community-development

720.523.6891 *Oil and Gas Liaison*
adcogov.org/oil-and-gas-information

**COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELL-BEING
(CSWB)**

adcogov.org/community-safety-well-being

720.523.6894 *CSWB Coordinator, Homelessness*

720.523.6991 *CSWB Coordinator, Neighborhoods*
adcogov.org/welcome-neighborhood

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

720.523.6829 *General Information*
adcogov.org/county-manager

720.523.6828 *Legislative Liaison*



meet your
COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

HUMAN SERVICES

720.523.2000 *General Information*
adcogov.org/humanservices

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

720.523.6565 *Graffiti Removal*
adcogov.org/graffiti-removal

720.523.6800 *Code Compliance*
adcogov.org/code-compliance

303.288.1535 *Animal Control*
adcogov.org/animal-management

720.523.6244 *Park Ranger Program*

OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR

720.523.6038 *General Information*
adcogov.org/assessor

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

720.523.6160 *General Information*
adcogov.org/treasurer

**PARKS, OPEN SPACE &
CULTURAL ARTS**

303.637.8000 *General Information*
adcogov.org/parks

720.523.6846 *Cultural Liaison*
adcogov.org/arts-culture

PUBLIC WORKS

720.523.6875 *General Information*
adcogov.org/public-works

WORKFORCE & BUSINESS CENTER

720.523.2400 *General Information*
adcogov.org/WBC



We're creating a network of neighbors to enhance the quality of life for all in Adams County. Neighbors have the power to make an impact in the community they love. Below you will see we have at least four levels of opportunities for residents.

types of
NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS



**UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS
ADVISORY BOARD**

Leaders from neighborhood councils who provide ideas and input to the Board of County Commissioners.



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

Neighbors in charge of a \$25,000 fund that creates community and virtual neighborhood events. Elected neighborhood group-leader representatives.



NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

Neighbors connecting to create community virtual events and looking to advocate for their neighborhood.



RESIDENT

Attend a virtual neighborhood event, join a neighborhood group, and/or create a neighborhood group.

neighborhood programs

UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS ADVISORY BOARD

This is a five-member resident board that provides neighborhood and community input to various departments in Adams County and the Board of County Commissioners. Each board member is elected/appointed by their Neighborhood Council and each member serves a three-year term, as long as they continue to reside in the Neighborhood District they represent.



what does the ADVISORY BOARD DO?

- ▶ *Provide public input on upcoming county initiatives like capital improvement projects, zoning considerations, developments, public art, etc.*
- ▶ *Represent Neighborhood Districts at Town Halls and public hearings.*
- ▶ *Make suggestions for neighborhood areas and provide input on neighborhood plans.*
- ▶ *Update Neighborhood Councils on upcoming improvements.*
- ▶ *Generate ideas for community events.*
- ▶ *Commit to learning about county processes and inform neighborhood about county processes.*
- ▶ *Work with CSWB Neighborhoods Coordinator in creating neighborhood snapshots for Town Halls.*
- ▶ *Engage businesses and local organizations around community events and needs.*

ADAMS COUNTY COMMUNITY BOARDS

- ✓ ADAMS COUNTY FOUNDATION
- ✓ ADAMS COUNTY LIQUOR AND MARIJUANA LICENSING AUTHORITY
- ✓ ADAMS COUNTY VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
- ✓ BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
- ✓ BOARD OF FIRE CODE APPEALS
- ✓ BOARD OF BUILDING CODE APPEALS
- ✓ CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL
- ✓ COLORADO SPACE PORT ADVISORY BOARD
- ✓ COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD
- ✓ COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COUNCIL
- ✓ CULTURAL COUNCIL
- ✓ DISTRICT PLAN COMMISSION
- ✓ E-911 AUTHORITY
- ✓ FAIR ADVISORY BOARD
- ✓ FAMILY PRESERVATION COMMISSION
- ✓ HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL
- ✓ LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- ✓ METROPOLITAN STADIUM FOOTBALL DISTRICT
- ✓ NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL HAZARDS BOARD
- ✓ OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD
- ✓ PLANNING COMMISSION
- ✓ REGIONAL EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
- ✓ RETIREMENT BOARD
- ✓ SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT
- ✓ STORMWATER ADVISORY BOARD
- ✓ TRI-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD
- ✓ UNISON HOUSING BOARD
- ✓ VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION
- ✓ WEED ADVISORY BOARD
- ✓ WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

LEARN MORE AND APPLY

Visit the county's website

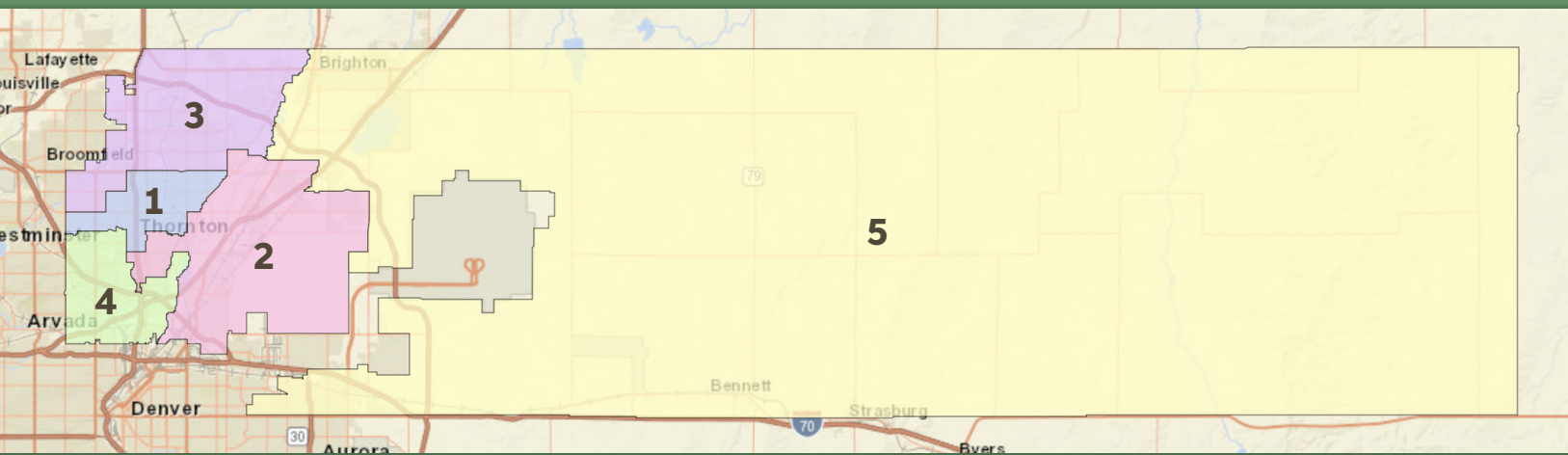
neighborhood programs

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS AND DISTRICTS

There are five Neighborhood Council Districts in Adams County. There can be any number of neighborhood groups within neighborhood council districts. Neighborhood groups determine who is part of the Neighborhood Council by electing or appointing a representative and alternate from their group to become part of the Neighborhood Council. Each neighborhood council oversees a community fund to allocate funding for neighborhood initiatives.



OUR FIVE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DISTRICTS



Commissioner Eva J. Henry, District 1 | Commissioner Charles “Chaz” Tedesco, District 2

Commissioner Emma Pinter, District 3 | Commissioner Steve O’Dorisio, District 4 | Commissioner Mary Hodge, District 5

what does the

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DO?

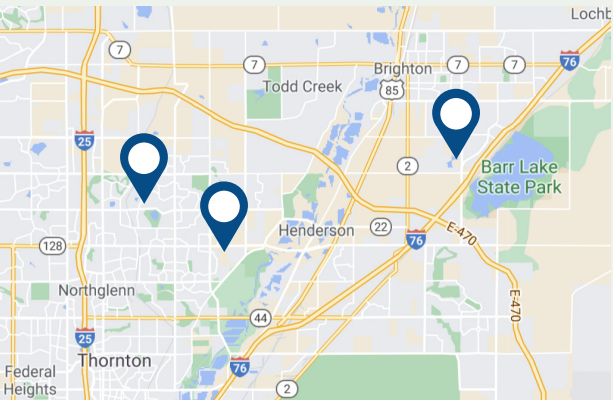
- ▶ *Serve as experts of their neighborhood. They understand the identity, culture, strengths, and challenges in their neighborhood zone.*
- ▶ *Work with the Community Safety & Well-Being Department to create the neighborhood Policy Agenda establishing the neighborhood identity and opportunities and needs residents in the zone have identified. The Policy Agenda is a guiding document for both staff and leadership.*
- ▶ *Coordinate joint community events, highlight the efforts of neighborhood groups in their neighborhood zone, and maintain the community calendar for their neighborhood zone.*
- ▶ *Coordinate with the Adams County Neighborhood Liaison to ensure council pages and event calendars are updated.*
- ▶ *Neighborhood council members also appoint one representative from each district to be part of the United Neighborhoods Advisory Board.*

BEFORE YOU START

Learn about your existing groups at the [Welcome to the Virtual Neighborhood Page on the Adams County website!](#)

EXISTING GROUPS

Visit our [Community Map](#) to learn more about our existing neighborhoods and neighborhood groups.



WANT MORE SUPPORT?

Contact a Community Safety & Well-Being Coordinator (CSWB)

OFFICE | [720.523.6991](tel:720.523.6991)

virtual NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

A group of community members who come together to share ideas, organize, and work together to positively affect the neighborhood. Members can include residents, business owners, and local organizations within a neighborhood. By forming a neighborhood group, neighbors create a unified purpose around a common set of goals. These groups are open to both homeowners and renters who reside in the neighborhoods.



types of GROUPS

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP | A voluntary group of neighbors who act as one to preserve and improve their neighborhood. This group may choose to respond to concerns or provide input to county processes that provide benefits and improvement to their neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION | A neighborhood group is formalized by creating the following documents: mission, values, and by-laws. These groups often have a formalized leadership structure within the group and possibly accept dues to support virtual events.

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS (HOAs) | A non-voluntary group of homeowners who live by a set of bylaws and regulations. HOAs are often initially established by a developer to help maintain the quality of a neighborhood and pay for additional infrastructure improvements. These groups pay a monthly fee and usually meet regularly.

what can NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS DO?



ADVOCATE

Work together to report crime, maintain the neighborhood, and discuss ways to improve the community.

BE INFORMED

Learn about county systems, apps, and other technology available to residents and work together to stay informed about county happenings and activities.

CONNECT

Create virtual groups through social media to discuss and participate in neighborhood forums.

ENGAGE

Participate in Town Halls, Public Hearings, and other listening events the county holds.

ORGANIZE

Write and distribute neighborhood newsletters, flyers, and meet virtually about neighborhood news and events.

ACTIVITIES

Get together virtually by creating socially distanced bakes sales, virtual runs, clean-ups, and a variety of creative events that help everyone meet and greet safely.

CELEBRATE

Honor the neighborhood's unique characteristics and engage with the county to create a neighborhood plan.

RESEARCH

Learn about the neighborhood's history.

how to START YOUR GROUP



While there are many types of Neighborhood Groups, this checklist provides the most basic structure to help neighborhoods start their own groups. As groups develop, opportunities to create more established and more formal groups, such as a neighborhood association and even a nonprofit, are possibilities. However, these formal processes are not necessary to become a recognized neighborhood group. Use the Neighborhood First Meeting Packet to guide your meeting. Utilize this packet to do the following:

- ▶ *Create a collection of talents within the group. (Who is a social media guru? Who can blog or send out neighborhood letters? Who understands county codes?)*
- ▶ *Set up your group structure. You should have at least three contacts who can rotate meeting responsibilities to help ensure consistent and well-attended meetings.*
- ▶ *Create general meet times and structure.*
- ▶ *Create a contact list.*
- ▶ *Create an idea list of some activities you would like to do.*
- ▶ *Use [Getting Started PDFs](#) on page 15.*

GETTING STARTED CHECKLIST

- Before you apply for a Neighborhood Group orientation, visit our [Community Map](#) to find existing Neighborhood Groups.
- If there is no Neighborhood Group in your area sign up for a [Neighborhood Group Orientation](#).
- During your initial meeting review and fill out your neighborhood group application.
- Determine the boundaries of your neighborhood group.
- Meet the neighbors and your broader community. Are there any neighborhood businesses or organizations that can also be part of your group?
- Identify a neutral location like a library, park, or other location where you can set up an initial meet and greet to discuss the idea.

NOTES:

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP INFORMATION

As you conduct your first meeting, take the time to identify the following group specifics.

GROUP NAME _____

BOUNDARIES _____

MEETING DATES _____

GROUP ACTIVITIES

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Clean-Ups | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts/Cultural Food Festival | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Resource Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Gardens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Fitness Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers Market | |

Other _____

WANT MORE SUPPORT?

Get in touch with a CSWB Coordinator: OFFICE | [720.523.6991](tel:720.523.6991)

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

We ask that you have three co-chairs so that leadership responsibilities are shared within a group. We know everyone is busy and can't always make a meeting.

CO-CHAIRS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

SECRETARY _____

TREASURER _____

SOCIAL MEDIA/COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER _____

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE _____

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook _____ NextDoor _____

Twitter _____ Pinterest _____

Other _____ Other _____

CONNECT WITH ADAMS COUNTY

 [/AdamsCountyGov](#)

 [@AdamsCountyGov](#)

 [Local Agencies](#)

 [/AdamsCountyGov](#)

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP FINANCES/FUNDING

Neighborhood Groups can receive funds from Neighborhood Councils in their neighborhood district by filling out the form below.

MISSION AND VALUES STATEMENT

OUR MISSION | *Make our neighborhood an amazing place to live for everyone.*

OUR VALUES | *Inclusivity, Understanding, Connected, Informed*

Inclusivity

We welcome all neighbors of all ages, abilities, cultures, and ethnicities.

Understanding

We work together to understand challenges and celebrate our differences.

Connected

We work to create events that bring us together.

Informed

We are informed about our county and how we can be involved to make living here even better.

SIGNED

CO-CHAIR 1 _____

CO-CHAIR 2 _____

CO-CHAIR 3 _____

DATE _____

**Please submit this form along with the neighborhood group information and leadership structure forms.*

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP ASSESSMENT

Take time as a group to discuss your neighborhood. What do you love about it? What are some things you would like to see change? Use this sheet to guide your discussions.

GROUP NAME _____ DATE _____

STRENGTHS

WEAKNESSES

OPPORTUNITIES

CHALLENGES

TOP 3 THINGS YOU WOULD **LOVE** TO SEE
IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

TOP 3 THINGS YOU **DO NOT WANT** TO SEE
IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

**Please send in a copy with your registration form as a neighborhood group.*

your neighborhood group

SAMPLE MEETING INVITE

LET'S GET TOGETHER, VIRTUALLY REUNIÓN DE VECINOS | ZEJ ZOS SIB THAM

DATE | FECHA | HNUB TIM _____

TIME | TIEMPO | LUB SIJHAWM _____

LOCATION | EL SITIO | QHOV CHAW _____

CONTACT | CONTACTO | HU RAU _____

Come and meet your neighbors virtually. Together we can talk about our neighborhood and work to make it a better place to live.

Ven a conocer a sus vecinos. Juntos podemos hablar sobre nuestro vecindario y trabajar juntos para que nuestra comunidad sea un mejor lugar para vivir.

Tuaj thiab ntsib koj cov neeg zej zog. Ua ke peb tuaj yeem tham txog peb lub zej zog thiab koom tes ua ke los ua qhov chaw zoo nyob rau hauv.

your neighborhood group

SAMPLE MEETING AGENDA

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETING REUNIÓN IMPRESIONANTE DE LA VECINDAD LUB ROOJ SIB THAM HAUV ZEJ ZOG

05.22.21 | 6:30-8 P.M.

- 1. WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS | TXAIS TOS**
- 2. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES**
- 3. FINANCIAL REPORT**
- 4. FUNDRAISING NEEDS**
- 5. NEWS: INTRODUCING THE NEW ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF APP**
- 6. DISCUSSION: NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND USING NEXTDOOR AS A WAY TO CREATE A VIRTUAL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**
- 7. ORGANIZE AND INVOLVE OTHERS: DISCUSSION ON ORGANIZING A CRIME NEIGHBORHOOD WALK TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT OUR VIRTUAL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**
- 8. OPEN DISCUSSIONS, IDEAS**
- 9. CLOSE**

your neighborhood group

SAMPLE MEETING MINUTES

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETING REUNIÓN IMPRESIONANTE DE LA VECINDAD LUB ROOJ SIB THAM HAUV ZEJ ZOG

05.22.21 | 6:30-8 P.M.

- 1. WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS | TXAIS TOS** – *Four new neighbors today! Welcome Hanna, Jesus, Jenni, and Amelia!*
- 2. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING’S MINUTES** – *Approved*
- 3. FINANCIAL REPORT** – *Current savings are \$300. We raised \$100 with our last fundraiser. We are on track with our neighborhood group’s goal of raising \$50 a month for neighborhood block parties.*
- 4. FUNDRAISING NEEDS** – *Our June Virtual Family Fun Run requires around \$150 for prizes. Our Socially Distanced Front Lawn Dance Party, will require around \$1,000 for outdoor speakers. Neighbors will also send in song requests. It was recommended we make a social media plug for song recommendations. Posts will begin next week.*
- 5. NEWS: INTRODUCING THE NEW ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF APP** – *25% of neighbors knew about this app. All others have put it on their phone. Social media post is going out to promote it.*
- 6. DISCUSSION: NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND USING NEXTDOOR AS A WAY TO CREATE A VIRTUAL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** – *Great discussion around NextDoor uses and activating the neighborhood. Sheriff is also connected to this app.*
- 7. ORGANIZE AND INVOLVE OTHERS: DISCUSSION ON ORGANIZING A CRIME NEIGHBORHOOD WALK TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT OUR VIRTUAL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** – *Event will be posted on social media. Walk will include current members of this group on 5/31/20. We will be promoting NextDoor communications to create a virtual neighborhood watch.*
- 8. OPEN DISCUSSIONS, IDEAS** – *Sidewalk Chalk Art event was suggested. It could be a great August event and has been placed on next meeting’s agenda — June 22. Also, two co-chairs will be attending the May 24th Virtual Town Hall and will bring back additional community information.*
- 9. CLOSE**

socially distanced BLOCK PARTY IDEAS



Social distancing is necessary to keep us all safe during the COVID-19 public health crisis. With a little creativity, we can create connections while maintaining social-distancing guidelines. Re-imagine block party themes by encouraging porch or lawn activities that a block can do together while individuals stay on their properties. Utilize blogs, social media, and free meeting applications to stay connected and create online events for your neighborhood groups.

ANTI-CRIME WALK

Get together with your neighbors and take a socially distanced walk! Let everyone know neighbors are watching and ready to report crime using NextDoor. As you walk, drop off information on how to connect to the apps you are using to your group.

OUTDOOR BOOK SWAP

Host a table in your yard featuring all the books you're willing to exchange. Keeping a safe distance, browse your neighbor's tables for books that pique your interest. Leftover books after the event? No problem! Have a volunteer take those books to ARC or your charity of choice. This event does it all, supports neighbors, the environment, and the community.

BUBBLE DAYS

Who doesn't love bubbles? Bring out the kids and the kid in you to a socially distanced event filled with bubble fun! Check out this website for the ultimate [homemade bubble recipe](#) and encourage the neighborhood to create the ultimate bubble makers using recycled materials! Maybe even have a prize for the most creative bubble creator!

CHALK ART WALK

Fun for all ages. Utilize your sidewalks and turn it into an art gallery. You can even find judges to name winners in various age groups! Make sure judges maintain six feet of distance to make this a pandemic-friendly activity.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING SWAP

Just like the Book Swap, this event does it all and supports neighbors, the environment, and the community! You can theme your events and focus on kids clothes, work clothes, summer clothes, winter clothes, or just bring it all out! Bring some clothes take some clothes. Again, maintain social distance while shopping, and leftover clothes can be donated to charity.

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

Is there a local DJ in the neighborhood? Got speakers and Google Play? Host a fun and family friendly dance! You can theme the dances like '80s night, Prom Night, Tropical Night, etc. Bring the neighborhood together under outdoor lights and great music. To make this activity pandemic friendly, have each family stay in their front lawns for the dance party.

FAMILY DAY

Invite the zoo or local library to host an online event for your neighborhood. You can also take a virtual tour of many local, state, national, and international museums, parks, art installations, and more.

FARMERS MARKET

Adams County is home to a great many nurseries and farms. Bring one or a couple out to your neighborhood! hop for fresh produce while maintaining a safe distance of six feet. This is a great way to promote healthy living and savor local produce!

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS TOUR AND CONTEST

Celebrate your neighborhood during the holiday season. Set a date that lets participating neighbors know when to have their decorations up. Host a socially distanced walking tour that ends with voting and hot chocolate! This is also an event that can have an online voting component.

SPRING SPRUCE UP

Host a neighborhood-wide, socially distanced clean-up event! Clean up trash around the sidewalks and common areas. Engage youth to help cut neighbors' lawns and pull weeds. Work together to make your neighborhood shine.

WALKING GROUP

Create a walking group that gets together to walk the neighborhood! Be sure to keep six feet of distance between you and neighbors outside of your household and wear personal protective equipment for health and safety.

virtual INFORMATIONAL IDEAS



Social distancing doesn't have to mean isolating yourself from your neighbors. Neighborhood groups can still host safe, socially distanced block parties, like the suggestions on Pages 23-24, as well as virtual webinars and forums.

Here are some of our best suggestions for online discussion topics. Ask your Community Safety & Well-Being Coordinator for community organization contacts who can provide information or a speaker on the topics you'd like to discuss.

CRIME PREVENTION

Invite an Adams County Sheriff Neighborhood Deputy for a Zoom webinar discussing crime prevention. Learn what to report and how to report it. Work together with neighbors to utilize technology to keep your neighborhood crime free!

COUPONING

Know an expert? Invite a coupon expert to come speak to your virtual group on ways to save at the store!

DOG OWNERS WORKSHOP

Got a barking dog? A dog that digs in your back yard? Invite local experts to your next virtual meeting to provide tips and tricks to help owners and pets be good neighbors. Also, learn about local pet ordinances to ensure you and your pet are complying. Facebook Live this event to reach even more neighbors!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Invite local experts to talk about how to make an emergency preparedness plan for you and your family.

FIRE SAFETY

Invite an outreach staff member from Adams County Fire Rescue to come talk about fire prevention. Learn how to keep your family safe and how to plan for a fire emergency.

FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS

Who wouldn't mind some extra cash in the bank? Learn about some savvy ways to boost your savings accounts. Invite a financial advisor to come talk to your group.

GOING GREEN

Do you have a neighbor with an amazing garden, another who is a composter, someone with an amazing yard or lawn? Bring your experts together for a virtual neighborhood forum on ways to be green. Challenge each other to adopt new ways of being green.

IDENTITY SECURITY

Invite local experts to come talk about how to ensure your personal information stays safe in this digital age.

INTERNET SAFETY FOR KIDS

Invite an expert to teach parents/guardians/grandparents about how to keep kids and teens safe while utilizing technology. Learn about the latest apps, technology, and more to make sure your children and teens are safe.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Learn how to live more sustainably. Invite local experts who can help homeowners create energy and water audits as well as provide more ideas to cut costs on utility bills and help the planet!

TAX WORKSHOP

Did you know local high schools and community colleges have students who can help with taxes? Ask students to provide a virtual workshop helping the neighborhood with their taxes and understanding new tax codes.

GARDEN WORKSHOP

Invite the [*Adams County Master Gardeners*](#) to come talk to your neighborhood about gardens. Learn about what grows best in your area, when to plant, and more!

LAWN WEEDS WORKSHOP

Invite the [*CSU Extension*](#) team to come talk to your neighborhood about getting rid of those weeds!

YARD 101

Don't have a green thumb? Want a green but sustainable yard? Invite local experts to host a Yard 101 workshop in your neighborhood.



neighborhood groups **BLOG & SOCIAL MEDIA TOPICS**

MEADOWS OR GRASS? | Benefits of sustainable lawns

HOLIDAY RECIPES | Create a neighborhood cookbook!

PICNIC SPOTS | Neighborhood spots to picnic

LOCAL BUSINESSES | Businesses you can get to easily

WATER SAVING TIPS | What works best at saving water?

URBAN GARDENS | How to start a backyard garden.

WEED BUSTERS | Tips on keeping your lawn weed free.

LANDSCAPING NOTES | Kid and pet friendly backyard ideas.

DROUGHT RESISTANT PLANTS AND GRASSES

BUILDING PERMITS | A homeowner's review.

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT | Highlight your neighbors

HOME VALUES | Tips to keep the neighborhood beautiful.

NEIGHBOR ETIQUETTE | Neighborly ideas

FIREWORKS | What the law says.

PETS | Ownership topics and etiquettes.

HAVING A PARTY? | Neighborhood courtesies

OUR HISTORY | Collect stories about the neighborhood history.

BEST SPOTS | Highlight areas in your neighborhood.

PHOTO CONTEST | Pictures of the neighborhood

NEIGHBORHOOD PETS | Photo contest for your pets.

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FUN PROJECT IDEAS



HISTORY WALK

Invite local historians to help make a guided tour of your neighborhood. Record it and put it on Facebook.



LITTLE LIBRARY

Create a sharing library.



LITTLE PANTRY

Create a sharing pantry.



STORY WALK

Learn how to develop a story walk.



CERTIFIED WILDLIFE HABITAT

Learn how to make your yard a certified wildlife habitat.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

Anythink Libraries

These libraries house lots of information on local history, host classes around a variety of interesting topics, and they're home to the Sharing Sheds!!

Tool Shed

The Adams County Community Safety & Well-Being Department is providing a Neighborhood Tool Shed for residents who live in our unincorporated community. Residents can reserve tools for FREE during the months of May-October. Yard supplies can be reserved individually, or you can reserve the entire shed for an organized neighborhood cleanup. Make your reservation today!

Welcome to the Virtual Neighborhood Page

Check out the latest news and more at the page on our site specifically dedicated to all things neighborhoods!



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50/50 BINGO

Host a \$0.50-to-play socially distanced or virtual Bingo Game where the winner gets 50% of earnings and the neighborhood gets 50% of earnings. Everyone wins!

VIRTUAL FUN RUN

Create a fun, virtual neighborhood family run! Each runner can get sponsors to donate toward the event. All proceeds go to your group efforts.

GO FUND ME PAGE

Highlight a specific neighborhood event you would like others to know about and sponsor.

FACEBOOK DONATION PAGE

Another great way to get the word out to others about an upcoming event and have others support the event.

SIGN-UP GENIUS

A free app that lets others sign-up for your virtual events.





Historic Bromely Farm

Partner with Long-Range Planning and Community and Economic Development to develop a neighborhood plan, and to ensure there is not already an existing plan in place.

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**NEIGHBORHOOD
POLICY AGENDAS**

When you fill out your Neighborhood Group Application, our process will help your neighborhood identify its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges. It will also ask your group to identify things you would like to see—or not see—in your neighborhood. After your paperwork is submitted, a CSWB Coordinator will help you finalize this document. It will be featured on our community map, along with the contact information of the three co-chairs you have selected. The county will compile these individual policy agendas and generate a larger, comprehensive document for each neighborhood zone to be approved by Neighborhood Council Leadership. These larger collective policy agendas will be shared with county staff and leadership for additional guidance when working in each neighborhood zone.

**NEIGHBORHOOD
POLICY AGENDAS
CAN HELP TO
CREATE...**

- ▶ *Neighborhood brand identities or characteristics*
- ▶ *Signage to commemorate your neighborhood*
- ▶ *Improvements that can be made in your neighborhood*
- ▶ *Ideas to preserve the neighborhood look and feel*
- ▶ *Ways to receive additional resources to preserve your neighborhood’s culture*

CONTACT CSWB COORDINATORS

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ADAMS COUNTY RESOURCES

[911 Cell Phone Registration](#)

Have you switched to a cell phone and no longer have a land line? Register your cell phone to better utilize Adams County's 911 and reverse 911 systems.

[Crime Statistics](#)

Learn more about crime in the neighborhood. The Sheriff provides real-time data on calls they have responded to in a geographic area. You can input an address or simply move the map to the area of your choice.

[E-Permit Center](#)

Apply for permits online.

[Eye on Adams](#)

This interactive map allows you to find real-time and historical information for the following:

LAND USE | Look at area information around new development cases in your neighborhood. See if a new building, cell tower, or development is being planned.

BUILDING PERMITS | See what permits are being requested or have been granted in your neighborhood.

CODE COMPLIANCE | Research violations and actions in your neighborhood to ensure everyone is in compliance with county regulations.

[Graffiti Removal](#)

Help us keep our county beautiful. Report graffiti and have it removed for free!

[NextDoor](#)

NextDoor is an app that lets you connect with your neighbors and a variety of local services including Adams County, Adams County Sheriff, Adams County Clerk & Recorder, and Adams County Fire.

[Non-Emergency Line](#)

[303.288.1535](tel:303.288.1535)

communityconnections@adcogov.org

[Oil and Gas Information](#)

Learn more about oil and gas activity in the county.

[SeeClickFix](#)

Adams County uses SeeClickFix to report issues such as abandoned vehicles, property cleanup, potholes, graffiti, and more. Please report issues directly to the county at adcogov.org/report-issue or download the SeeClickFix app for your [iPhone](#) or [Android](#) device.

[Telephone Town Halls](#)

Come chat with the Board of County Commissioners and County Staff. They are hosted yearly around the county and there are [forums for residents](#) and [local businesses](#). You can even [submit a question online!](#)

COUNTY RULES AND REGULATIONS

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[Property Tax Information](#)

[Recording Office](#)

[Regulations on Animals Allowed on Property](#)

adams county ARTS & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Before visiting an indoor art installation, art gallery, event hall, or museum, call to ensure the venue is still open and learn if any personal protective equipment or safety measures are required upon entry.



ADAMS COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

4430 S. ADAMS COUNTY PKWY., BRIGHTON

“Echoes of the Range” by award-winning artist, Douwe Blumberg, is an interior/exterior sculpture at the Adams County Government Center in Brighton. This stainless-steel work explores negative space and its connection to emotion and comfort. If you go, be sure to wander around the first floor to explore a variety of other installations by local Colorado artists. Judith Dickinson’s “We, the People of Adams County” is made up of two large oil paintings full of real county residents!

ROTELLA PARK

1824 CORONADO PKWY. N., DENVER

Rotella Park in Welby is home to three kinetic sculptures by Colorado artist, John King. “Sky Writing,” “Cloud Castle,” and the “Sun, Moon and Stars Windvane” honor where the sky meets the grass and the wide open, natural field. Fun fact: One of these is interactive and you can spin it with your own kinetic force!



THE STANLEY MARKETPLACE

2501 N. DALLAS ST., AURORA

Adams County is the proud home of The Stanley Marketplace in Aurora, a collection of local businesses, artisans, and funky venues. This is a great place to wander around, have a snack, and explore the history of Stanley Aviation, where test planes took off and landed on the runway.

AAR RIVER GALLERY

3707 W. 73RD AVE., WESTMINSTER

Westminster is home to many art and culture gems. Highlights include the Westminster Historic Art District with the Aar River Gallery, loaded with local artisan goods; the Westminster Historical Society; and the annual Latino Festival. [Go find all the public art in Westminster with this map.](#)



ARTS & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS



RIVERDALE REGIONAL PARK

9755 HENDERSON RD., BRIGHTON

Riverdale Regional Park is the crown jewel of Adams County, with lakes, trails, open spaces, parks, and a rambling creek running through it. Come here to fish, play disc golf or the original, have a picnic, ride bikes, or watch the July 3rd annual fireworks show. Keep your eyes open... there are big future plans for art, culture, and performances.

THE MAGNOLIA STREET ART CENTER

6600 E. 74TH AVE., COMMERCE CITY

The Magnolia Street Art Center in Derby is a co-working space for local artists, with about a dozen spaces hosting artists working in a variety of media. This innovative space is an inspiring nod to the homegrown arts in Adams County!



THE BRIGHTON ARMORY

300 STRONG ST., BRIGHTON

The Brighton Armory is a local treasure right here in our county seat. What was once headquarters for Company K, the 157th Infantry of the Colorado National Guard, is now a restored landmark that hosts concerts, theater, and visual art shows. The sound is incredible, the talent top notch, and the vibes are so great!



HISTORIC BROMLEY FARM

1594 E. BROMLEY LN., BRIGHTON

Adams County pride is in its farms, but have you heard about an innovative look at agriculture, called art & ag? With a focus on local food and artisan goods, Historic Bromley Farm hosts soap-making and herb-infused oils classes, along with field-to-table cooking classes and other events throughout the year!



ARTS & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS



RTD LIGHTRAIL STATIONS

PECOS JUNCTION STATION – 62ND and N. WASHINGTON, DENVER
CLEAR CREEK/FEDERAL STATION – 5800 FEDERAL BLVD., DENVER
WESTMINSTER STATION – 6995 GROVE ST., WESTMINSTER

RTD light rail stations are always great places to spot artwork. Adams County is home to the Bimmer Torres mural at Pecos Junction Station, the collaborative piece by Bimmer Torres and Addison Carl at Clear Creek/Federal Station, and a Pat Milbury at the Westminster Station.

COMMERCE CITY

4540 GRAPE ST., DENVER

Head to Commerce City to check out the mural by Thomas Evans, aka Detour. This piece is a testament to our artist community and adds beauty to a traffic corridor through the city.



THE BISON RIDGE RECREATION CENTER

13905 E. 112TH AVE., COMMERCE CITY

The Bison Ridge Recreation Center in Commerce City is home to several pieces of public art — giant grazing metal buffalos and massive inspiring roundabout sculptures to name a couple.

CLEAR CREEK TRAIL

NEAR PECOS and 64TH

The Clear Creek trail near Pecos and 64th is home to an art installation made of tiles created by students from the Guardian Angels School.

