

# Centennial Community Accomplishments 2006



*Successful governance is more than the City Government. In Centennial, it takes the hard work of all the special districts that serve our community. Here are highlights of 2006 accomplishments for these partner organizations.*



City of Centennial

## Parks and Recreation Districts

### South Suburban Parks & Recreation

- ❖ Replaced the Walnut Hills Park playground, added a picnic shelter and climbing rock.
- ❖ Added shade shelters and slides to Holly Park and Franklin Pools.
- ❖ Re-built deKoevend Park's six tennis courts.
- ❖ Began a multi-year upgrade to Goodson Recreation Center.

### Arapahoe Parks & Recreation

- ❖ Piney Creek Hollow Park opened fields for soccer and baseball and added a playground.
- ❖ Willow Trace Park, a new community park, opened.
- ❖ Planted many new trees in the district's parks and constructed additional trails.
- ❖ The Trails Recreation Center increased the number of fitness fans -- young and old.

## Fire Districts

### Littleton Fire Rescue

- ❖ In 2006 Littleton Fire Rescue ran 2,342 calls for service in the City of Centennial:
  - ♦ 76 fire calls resulting in a total dollar loss of \$3,472,500, the largest was at the Glencoe Street Apartments.
  - ♦ 754 for Advanced Life Support and 680 calls for Basic Life Support and transport to hospitals.
  - ♦ 174 medical calls where there was no transport.
  - ♦ 558 calls for other purposes (hazardous materials, public assistance, lift assistance, water problems, etc).

### South Metro Fire Rescue

- ❖ New Dispatch Center opened in January resulting in reduced response time and, with satellite tracking, sends the closest possible crew to each emergency.
- ❖ New equipment included the first two of four new ambulances, both based in Centennial, a new mobile command vehicle and new ladder trucks.
- ❖ South Metro joined only three other departments in Colorado (including Parker Fire) in becoming an accredited fire agency as recognized by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.

### Cunningham Fire Protection District

- ❖ Opened a replacement fire station at Smoky Hill & Buckley Roads.
- ❖ Cunningham worked with the City's Land Use Services and Building Departments on development and building issues and processes within its service area.
- ❖ A regional Board of Fire Code Appeals was formed through an intergovernmental agreement among the four Fire Districts.

### Parker Fire Protection District

- ❖ Parker Fire District provided service to 538 Centennial locations in 2006, including 28 fire calls and 230 rescue calls.
- ❖ The district also reached 1,786 Centennial residents through its public education efforts at elementary schools and businesses, and with child seat inspections.
- ❖ Parker Fire District is in the design process for a new fire station at Arapahoe Road and Euclid that will begin servicing Centennial residents in 2008.





## Metropolitan Districts

### Parker Jordan Metropolitan District

- ❖ Completion of 1,000 activity books and 100 teacher's guides about Cherry Creek Valley Ecological Park for use by Cherry Creek School District. Half the activity books went to nearby Red Hawk Ridge Elementary School.
- ❖ Issued \$5 million in general obligation bonds for major regional public improvements (trails, streets, storm drainage) by the Vermilion Creek Metropolitan District.

## Water and Sanitation Districts

### Arapahoe County Water and Wastewater Authority

- ❖ Completed purchase of water assets of about 800 acre feet annually after installation of infrastructure.
- ❖ Completed installation of water system for Antelope neighborhood.
- ❖ Began construction of \$27 million wastewater plant expansion project to provide for growth within service area.

### Southgate Water & Sanitation Districts

- ❖ Finished Phases I and II of the geographical information system (GIS) to increase operational efficiency.
- ❖ Continued work on \$8 million sewer improvement program to be completed in 2007.
- ❖ Worked closely with communities on transit-related development and redevelopment along the I-25 corridor.

### East Cherry Creek Valley Water & Sanitation District

- ❖ Completed Phase 1 of Northern Project, H2'06, including a 31-mile pipeline and two pump stations and began delivering renewable water from the South Platte River to district customers in Centennial and Arapahoe County.
- ❖ Finalized an agreement with Denver Water to extend the H2'06 waterline to Denver International Airport and to deliver previously-designated water supplies from Denver Water for ECCV customers.

## Libraries

### Arapahoe Library District

- ❖ The Arapahoe Library District was ranked 5th overall among 329 libraries of the same size across the country putting it in the top 100 libraries nationwide.
- ❖ Launched a new website especially for children from preschool to grade 5.
- ❖ Celebrated 40 years of service to the community with a series of commemorative events.
- ❖ Among the most popular new services introduced in 2006 was audio-book downloads.

## School Districts

### Cherry Creek School District

- ❖ Two-thirds of Cherry Creek schools rank high or excellent on 2006 School Accountability Reports.
- ❖ Cherry Creek students scored well above the state average on CSAP tests and above both the state and national averages on the ACT and SAT tests.
- ❖ The district's graduation rate is 92 percent and more than 85 percent of Cherry Creek graduates pursue post-secondary education.
- ❖ Willow Creek Elementary was named a 2006 No Child Left Behind – Blue Ribbon School by U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings. It is one of five schools in Colorado and 250 schools nationwide to be recognized in 2006.

### Littleton Public Schools

- ❖ Welcomed Scott Murphy in his new role as superintendent of schools.
- ❖ Adopted district achievement goal: 90 percent of all students will be on or above grade level in reading, math, writing, and science by 2011.
- ❖ Newton Middle School began its first year of implementation of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years program. All students at Newton participate.
- ❖ Finalized facilities improvements through the 2002 bond program at a number of schools in Centennial.

