

CALENDAR

Xeriscape Tours & Program

Saturday, June 16

Xeriscape Demonstration Garden,
300 Laporte Ave.

9-10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.:

Garden tours with Master Gardeners

10-11:30 a.m.:

Ornamental Grasses & Shrub Roses

Explore the creative combination of ornamental grasses and shrub roses with garden author Marilyn Raff. fcgov.com/water/conserv.php

Coopersmith's Father's Day 5K

Sunday, June 17

8 a.m.

Old Town Square

Strap on your running shoes with your dad and start Father's Day off right. Proceeds from this event support the reduced or no-fee youth programs at Northside Aztlan Community Center. 482-7644.

Twilight Garden Series

CSU Plant Environmental Research Center,
630 W. Lake St.

6:30-8:30 p.m., \$5 each

June 19: Water Smart Irrigation

July 10: Environmental Gardening

491-7019 or www.hla.colostate.edu

Fort Collins Fourth of July

Old Town Square & Civic Center Park
Fireworks at City Park

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Fireworks at dusk

Activities will take place in Downtown Fort Collins during the day and at City Park for evening music and fireworks. Enjoy petting zoos, live music all day, beer gardens, wagon rides, and much more! www.downtownfortcollins.com or fcgov.com/july4

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TRANSPORTATION NEWS

seeing orange: CONE ZONE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IMPROVE safety and traffic flow. But during the “implementation” phase they also create detours, traffic, and, in all honesty, they can cause a few headaches, too.

The City tries to minimize impacts and frustration surrounding construction. The first step in that process is making sure you are aware of the projects that will be happening this summer.

The largest construction project will take place on **East Harmony Road**. To accommodate increased traffic in the area and the anticipated impacts of new development, Harmony will expand from four lanes to six between Timberline and Ziegler. The Ziegler intersection will also be widened. Recognizing the unavoidable impacts of this project, the construction plan incorporates key elements to minimize frustration including:

- Assuring two-way traffic flow on Harmony at all times: there will not be a complete road closure on Harmony.
- All major construction should be completed by late August to avoid construction during the extra busy school year.
- A condensed construction schedule for intersection work will assure that Harmony operates as a two-lane road for the shortest amount of time possible.

The first phase of this project begins in June. Harmony between Timberline and Ziegler will decrease from four lanes to three during the day (all four lanes will be open at night). Construction will focus on shrinking medians and widening the road to create room for additional lanes.

The second phase of the project will reduce Harmony down to two lanes, one in each direction, for a four to six week period so that crews can work on the intersection of Harmony and Ziegler. During this time, a small portion of Ziegler north of the intersection will be closed.

Construction will continue in the area when efforts to widen Ziegler and improve the intersection at Ziegler and Horsetooth begin in 2008.

OTHER SUMMER CONSTRUCTION:

Railroad Crossings at Prospect and Vine (before August) – both projects will take place over a three to four day period. The Burlington Northern Railroad will replace the crossing and track at both locations. The area surrounding the tracks will be completely closed during construction.

East Mulberry Street Reconstruction (College to Riverside): July through September – curb, gutter and sidewalk repairs as well as repaving. During the repaving, one direction of Mulberry will be closed.

Mulberry and Lemay: June through September – a right turn lane at the northwest corner of the intersection will be added. Expect temporary, short-term lane closures.

West Drake Road (Montmorency to Featherstar Way): July through August – construction will widen the eastbound shoulder increasing Drake to four lanes. Bicycles will need to merge with traffic but there will be no lane or road closures.

Landings Drive Reconstruction (East Horsetooth Rd. to Boardwalk Dr.) and Boardwalk Drive Reconstruction (south College Ave. to Landings Dr.): June through July – both projects include curb, gutter and sidewalk repairs as well as pavement replacement. Temporary but complete road closures will occur on Boardwalk and Landings during repavement.

Visit fcgov.com/fctrip for updates and road closure info.

Landscaping Around Fire Hydrants and Electric Equipment

Help keep the fire hydrants and electric equipment in your yard accessible. These guidelines ensure the safety of crews, eliminate delays in the event of an emergency, and allow adequate working space for maintenance or replacement.

Fire hydrants:

- 3 feet of clearance around the base and 15 feet above the hydrant

Electric equipment:

- 8 feet of clearance from the front of transformers and switchgear (above ground equipment) and 3 feet from the sides and rear;
- 5 feet of clearance to the sides of underground vaults (visible at ground level) with 10 feet to the front and back; and
- 2 feet of clearance to the side and 3 feet to the front for electric meters and service-entrance equipment (enclosed cabinets near electric meter).

Remember, never paint a fire hydrant or electric equipment and avoid “hiding” them with fencing, bushes, etc. For more information, call 221-6700, or visit fcgov.com/utilities.

Culture Corner

Colorado State University School of the Arts presents

Summer Theater: Moliere's Scapin

June 20-23, June 27-30, July 5-7,
July 11-14, July 18-21, July 25-28
7 p.m.

University Theatre, 1400 Remington Street
Tickets: Wed: \$10/all tickets, Thurs.-Sat. \$15/general public, \$12 CSU students

An award-winning adaptation of one of Moliere's most rambunctious comedies. Fun for the whole family!

www.csutix.com or 491-4TIX

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

won't you be my neighbor?

TWO SUMMERTIME FAVORITES RETURN THIS YEAR with the Great Sofa Round-Up and Neighborhood Night Out. These two events continue to grow and improve each year so mark your calendars and plan to participate.

The Great Sofa Round-Up is a highly collaborative event that involves staff from the City of Fort Collins and Colorado State University, including Off-Campus Student Services and the Neighborhood Services Office. Part of the incentive for this event is to help clean up the neighborhoods and prevent indoor furniture from finding its way to yards, streets, and curbsides. If sofas are left in alleys, on a porch, or in the middle of a lawn, it is a City code violation.

Scheduled to coincide with the majority of lease renewals, the Great Sofa Round-Up will take place on Friday, July 27 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday, July 28, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The event will take place at the CSU Visitor's parking lot north of Lake Street on College. Sofas can be dropped off or claimed for free during the Great Sofa Round-Up. Residents can also arrange for a curbside pick up by calling 224-6046; however, please note that pick-up capabilities are limited. Sofas rounded up for this event are available to students, long-term residents or social agencies in need of a free sofa. There is a limit of one sofa per person.

During the 2006 Great Sofa Round-up more than 600 sofas were collected with more than half of those going to a new home. If you have questions or would like to volunteer please contact Melissa Emerson at Off-Campus Student Services, 491-6707 or Melissa.Emerson@colostate.edu.

Neighborhood Night Out is a traditional event that takes place all over the country on the first Tuesday night in August. Last year there were more than 90 neighborhood events throughout Fort Collins that brought neighbors together for an evening of fun and socializing. This year Neighborhood Night Out falls on Tuesday, August 7. Join in this celebration by coordinating a block party, ice cream social, potluck on the lawn, or any activity that encourages neighbors to come together and get to know one another.

Neighbors who host an event and register with Neighborhood Services will receive a t-shirt and a goodie bag, and their event will be put on a master map that is distributed to police, fire,



and council members for possible visits. Events can range from an informal ice cream social to a full-blown block party.

The registration will be available in early June online at fcgov.com/neighborhoodservices or you can pick one up at our office at 281 N. College (upstairs.) For more information contact Ginny Sawyer at gsawyer@fcgov.com or 224-6070.

Go Rams!

This is the start of something big. Introducing CSU Game Day, a community-wide project, spearheaded by CSU, the Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Collins Convention and Visitors Bureau, the City of Fort Collins, Foothills Mall, the Downtown Business Association, and others. Game Day is about building community spirit; what better way to bring a town together than a football game? Game Day promotes attendance at games, but it also encourages you to take the family to lunch before kickoff, meet friends downtown after the game, or attend one of the many upcoming Game Day Community Events. Visit fcgov.com/communications for more details on how YOU can be a Game Day participant and help support your community.

Water Supply and Conservation

As of the end of April, the City's water supply appears to be in good shape for this year.

Fort Collins water comes from both Horsetooth Reservoir (via the Colorado-Big Thompson Water Project) and the Poudre River. The water begins as rain and snow, high in the mountains. Snow-pack was average most of the winter, but warm weather caused it to be slightly below average in late April.

Even if there is less than average runoff from the Poudre River, an adequate water supply is anticipated, partially due to carry-over from last year. Although there will be enough water to use, Fort Collins residents are encouraged to conserve.

Indoors:

- Find and fix faucet and toilet leaks.
- Install low-flow showerheads and take shorter showers.
- Run the washing machine and dishwasher with full loads.
- Turn off the water when brushing teeth, shaving or washing dishes.

Outdoors:

- Mulch around plants to conserve moisture.
- Water in the early morning or late evening.
- Avoid watering when it's raining or very windy.
- Adjust sprinklers to avoid watering sidewalks and driveways.
- Get a sprinkler system audit.

For more information about water supply and conservation call 221-6700 or visit fcgov.com/utilities.

Character Quality of the Month "Boldness"

Confidence that what I have to say or do is true, right, and just.

For more information about Character Fort Collins, visit characterfortcollins.org or call 266-2671.