

FORT COLLINS



2016 STATE OF THE CITY INFO AND ACTIVITY BOOK

A word cloud collage for Fort Collins, featuring various themes and illustrations. The words are arranged in a grid-like fashion, with some words being larger and more prominent than others. The words include:

- FUN** (vertical, left side)
- CREATIVE** (horizontal, below FUN)
- FLOWERS** (vertical, next to FUN)
- MUSIC** (vertical, next to FLOWERS)
- LOVE** (vertical, next to MUSIC)
- MOUNTAINS** (horizontal, top right)
- NATURE** (horizontal, next to MOUNTAINS)
- BICYCLES** (horizontal, next to NATURE)
- CULTURE & RECREATION** (horizontal, below BICYCLES)
- ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH** (horizontal, below CULTURE & RECREATION)
- SUSTAINABILITY** (horizontal, below ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH)
- COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD LIVABILITY** (horizontal, below SUSTAINABILITY)
- INNOVATION** (horizontal, below COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD LIVABILITY)
- POUDRE** (vertical, next to INNOVATION)
- TRAILS** (horizontal, below INNOVATION)
- OLD TOWN** (vertical, right side)
- FUTURE-FOCUSED** (vertical, far right side)
- HIGH PERFORMING GOVERNMENT** (horizontal, below OLD TOWN)
- SAFE COMMUNITY** (horizontal, below HIGH PERFORMING GOVERNMENT)
- TRANSPORTATION** (horizontal, below SAFE COMMUNITY)
- CSU** (vertical, next to TRANSPORTATION)
- ECONOMIC HEALTH** (horizontal, below CSU)
- ENERGY** (horizontal, below ECONOMIC HEALTH)
- ART** (vertical, next to ENERGY)

Illustrations include:

- A hot air balloon.
- A musical staff with notes and a treble clef.
- Two hearts.
- A mountain range.
- A person riding a bicycle.
- A recycling symbol.
- A flower.
- A bee.
- A bird.
- A flag.
- A building (Old Town).
- A person walking.
- A car.
- A person playing a guitar.

In reflecting on the past year, it is clear that Fort Collins has come a long way. It was a year filled with many ambitious accomplishments and a lot of fun!

According to our recent Citizen Survey, 93 percent of residents believe this is a great place to live. We don't take credit for that; we credit you. It's thanks to a caring and involved community that Fort Collins is consistently ranked as one of the best places to live.

However, like any great city we are not content to rest on our laurels. We continue to strive for excellence with ambitious projects such as the Climate Action Plan, as well as exploring such complex issues as housing that is affordable and bridging the digital divide with high speed broadband.

Even tonight's event is an example of the innovation and progress we are always striving for. In addition to a new venue, this year's State of the City includes both questions from residents via social media and live Q+A. Rather than

the standard sage on the stage format, this year we want to engage in a creative conversation with you.

We will also have the opportunity to continue the conversation after the event. You are invited to join us upstairs on the balcony to learn more about the various projects going on right now in the City.

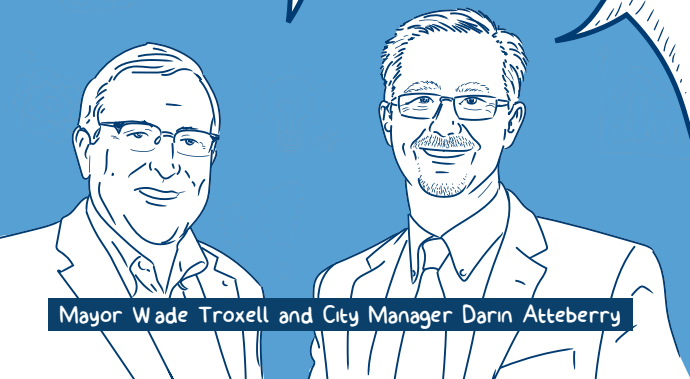
There is also a fun way to weigh in regarding what's important to you using this handout. In addition to useful information, you can write, draw and photograph what is important to you. Once you have created your unique vision for Fort Collins we encourage you to share it with us using the hashtag #fococreate.

Our hope is that tonight will be just the beginning of the conversation. With the combined efforts of the City and our community we look forward to co-creating a better future. Thank you for your contributions and devoted passion.

Sincerely,

Wade Troxell
Mayor

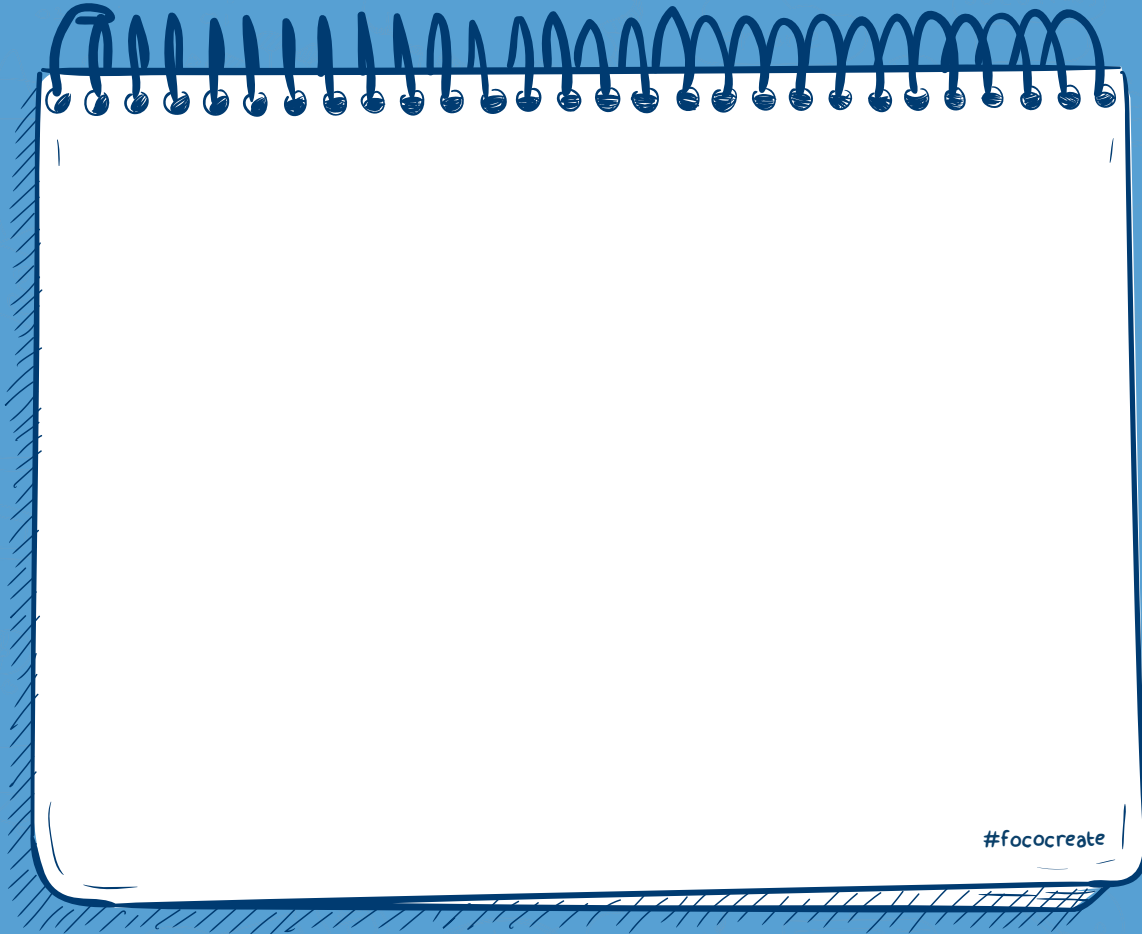
Darin Atteberry
City Manager



Mayor Wade Troxell and City Manager Darin Atteberry

DRAW WHAT FORT COLLINS MEANS TO YOU

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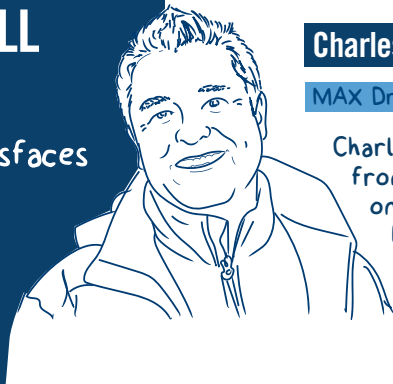


There are more than 2,000 employees who work for the City of Fort Collins, from planners and developers to engineers and police officers. The list of skill sets and jobs that City employees do on a daily basis is virtually endless.

The Faces of Fort Collins series showcases some of those employees and what they do on a daily basis to keep Fort Collins running smoothly. Meet the class of 2015 Fort Collins Faces employees who help make Fort Collins the most satisfied city in America. To read more visit fcgov.com/fortcollinsfaces.

READ THEIR FULL STORIES AT

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Brett Dollar and Yago

POLICE SERVICES

Fort Collins police pride themselves on being friendly, but it takes a special member of the force to let you scratch them behind their ears. Yago is a furry four-legged member of the Fort Collins elite K9 unit that helps keep citizens and police alike safe with the help of his handler Police Officer Brett Dollar.



Jared Graybeal and Jason Moss

UTILITIES LINE WORKERS

When you flick the light switch and the lights pop on or open the fridge and grab a beverage that is chilled, you have Jared Graybeal and Jason Moss, in part, to thank for that. On any given day City of Fort Collins utility electrical line workers like Graybeal and Moss are hard at work to ensure that the power is on with up to 99.9982 percent reliability. Those are some good odds!

Charles Beaver

MAX Driver

Charles Beaver is the voice of MAX, literally. When you buy a ticket from one of the automated MAX stations or listen to information on the line changes, that's Beaver's voice coming through the loudspeakers. However, Beaver is more than just a soothing voice for Fort Collins' newest form of bus rapid transit, he is also a driver, graphic designer and trainer for MAX.

Jean Bosch

OLD TOWN LIBRARY MANAGER

For Jean Bosch, manager of Old Town Library, her duties go well beyond leading a team of about 23 people to help ensure the Poudre River Public Library District is operating effectively. Whether it's working with organizations that serve the homeless or nurturing a partnership to offer creative learning opportunities, Bosch's work allows Old Town Library to provide something for everybody.



Beth Rosen

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

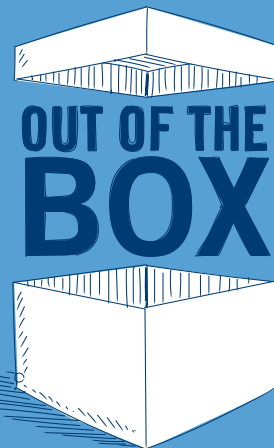
Meet Beth Rosen, the City's Affordable Housing Program Administrator. Rosen administers federal and City funds for affordable housing programs and ensures compliance with federal regulations. She says these closings are some of the best times she has in her job working in the City's Social Sustainability department - the newest department at the City within the Sustainability Services Area.



DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Fort Collins has many video series designed to inform, educate and inspire the community. From council meetings and public forums to innovative technologies and groundbreaking news, the City is committed to bringing you stories that matter.

Recently, a new series was added called OUT OF THE BOX. This series highlights innovative concepts, technology and collaborations that are helping to ensure our community continues to be the amazing place that it is.



CITY VIEW

Another show you shouldn't miss is called CITY VIEW

- a bi-weekly news series that highlights major stories, initiatives and upcoming events throughout the City in under five minutes.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL!

youtube.com/cityoffortcollins

With new content being added weekly, our video archive will keep you informed and in tune with the stories and topics that matter most to you.



TAKE A PICTURE THAT IS “FORT COLLINS”

Share your photo with #fococreate and you might just win a \$50 DBA Gift Card, a \$50 Recreation Gift Card, a \$175 Premier Golf Card or a chance to have lunch with both the Mayor and City Manager.



A PICTURE'S WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

With so much happening in such a beautiful place, the City of Fort Collins is constantly snapping pictures. Since this is your community, we have made thousands of photos available to you through our Flickr and Instagram accounts. We invite you to go see the amazing photos we have taken, and encourage you to follow us to see what we share next!

[flickr.com/fortcollinsgov](https://www.flickr.com/photos/fortcollinsgov/)

[instagram.com/fortcollinsgov](https://www.instagram.com/fortcollinsgov/)

FOCO AT A GLANCE

A look at just a few of the reasons the City of Fort Collins has been called "America's Most Satisfied City."

SERVICES & AMENITIES

The City maintains a vibrant array of parks and recreational opportunities.



875 ACRES
PARKS



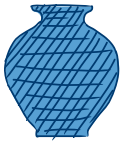
36K ACRES
NATURAL
AREAS



35+ MILES
OF TRAILS



3 GOLF
COURSES



POTTERY
STUDIO



4 SWIMMING
POOLS



2 ICE RINKS



RECREATION
CENTERS

Fort Collins also supports multiple transportation options including: MAX Bus Rapid Transit, numerous bus routes including CSU and FLEX, and 200 miles of on-street and off-street trails for pedestrians and cyclists.

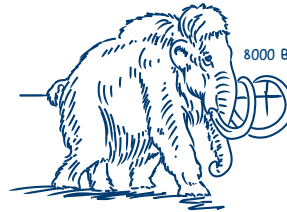


The Lincoln Center is the City's cultural arts center. Activities include professional theatre, dance, music, visual arts and children's programs.

The Fort Collins Senior Center includes a pool, spa, gymnasium, track, billiards, crafts and a health and wellness center



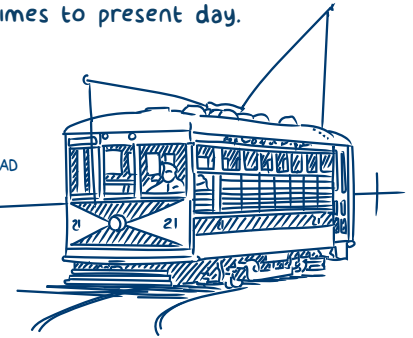
The Fort Collins Museum displays the history of Fort Collins and Larimer County from prehistoric times to present day.



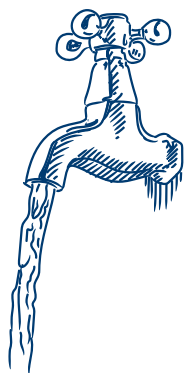
8000 BC

1 AD

1000 AD



Fort Collins provides electric and water utilities to residents. Fort Collins Utilities was also first in Colorado, and among the first in the country, to offer green energy to its customers.



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YOU SAID IT!



The City of Fort Collins relies on you, our citizens and neighbors, to guide us in the development of our community. We do this by providing multiple ways in which citizens can ask questions and provide input on specific City objectives.

Here are a few of the results from our outreach:

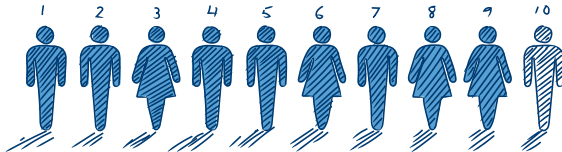
WE'RE #1!

Out of 29 Front Range communities Fort Collins ranks No. 1 as a place to work.



90%

say that Fort Collins has a good or very good air quality.



9 in 10 residents say they feel safe in Fort Collins.

Read the Citizen Survey Results for yourself...

Visit fcgov.com/citizensurvey

93%

of residents rated Fort Collins as a great place to live.



STAY INFORMED... BE HEARD... TAKE PART...



There are many tools that the City provides our residents to stay better informed while also giving you an opportunity to be heard.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram and you'll be kept up to speed with all of the many initiatives, news and programs occurring throughout the City. We invite you to weigh in on topics that matter to you and provide us feedback. Your voice matters.

fcgov.com/connect



ACCESS FORT COLLINS

Access Fort Collins is an easy way to contact the City with your questions, comments or service requests. Find the information you're looking for and reach the staff best equipped to address your concerns.

Visit fcgov.com/AccessFortCollins or download the free mobile app.

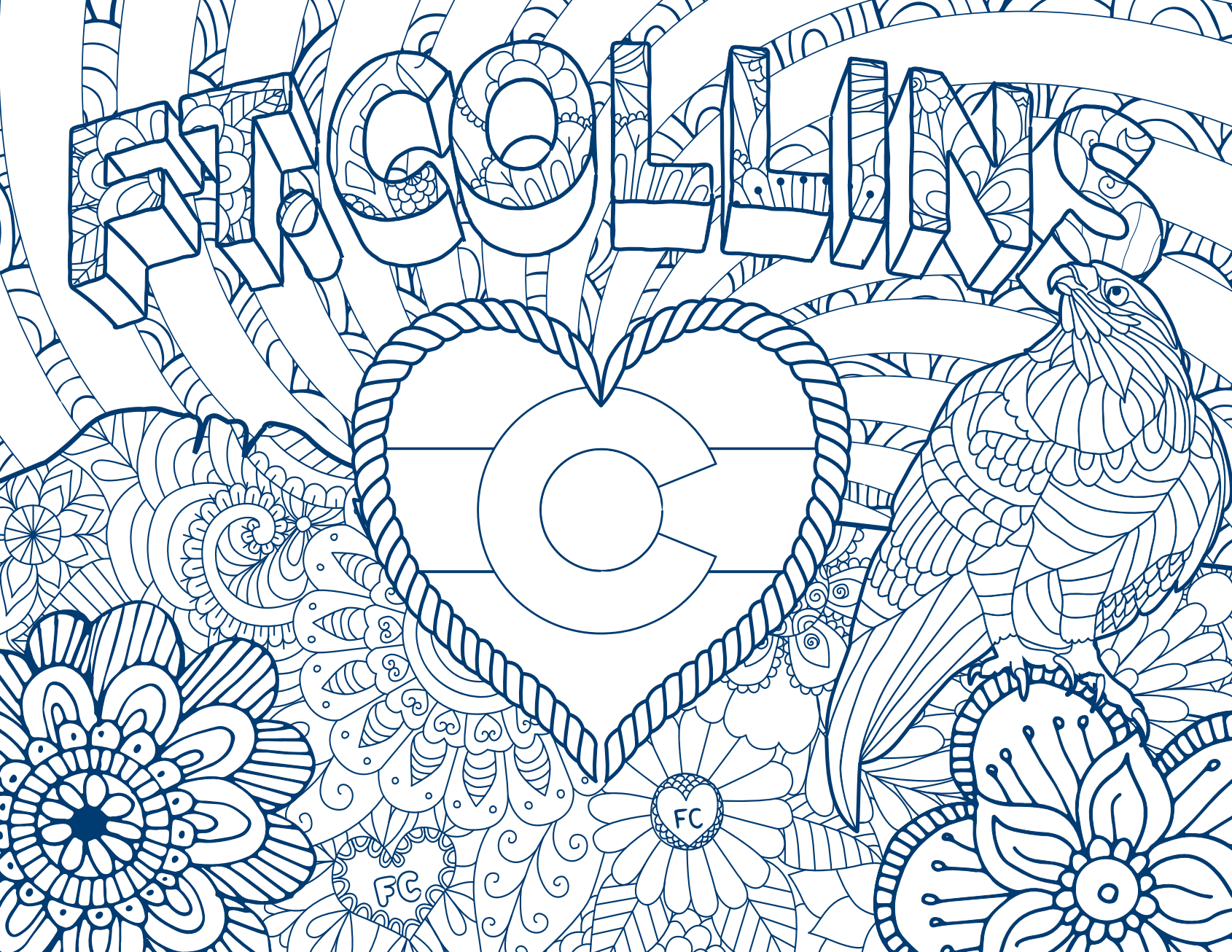


FCGOV.COM

When you're looking for information, a great starting place is fcgov.com. The City provides resources to get you the information you're looking for.

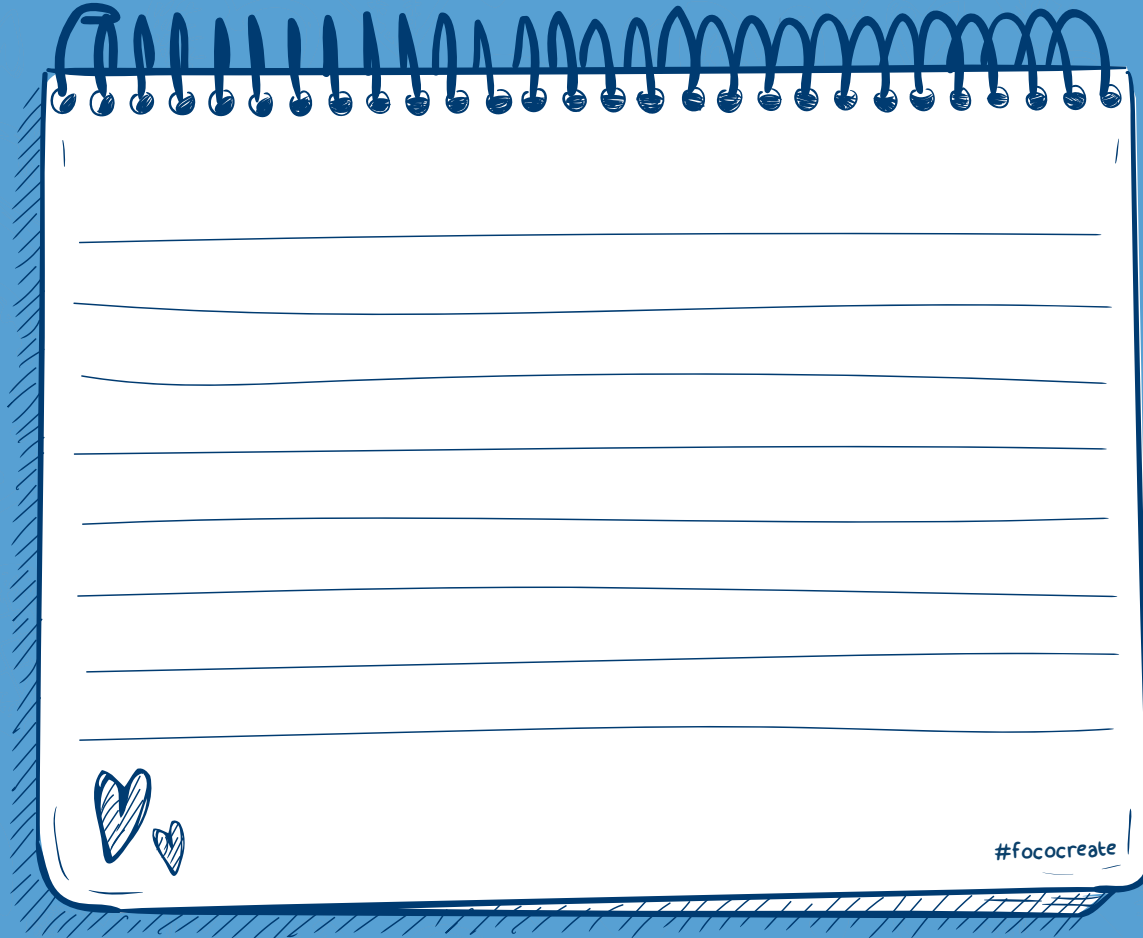
SHOW US YOUR SKILLS!

Share a picture of your masterpiece with #fococreate and you might just win a \$50 DBA Gift Card, a \$50 Recreation Gift Card, a \$175 Premier Golf Card or a chance to have lunch with both the Mayor and City Manager.



TELL US WHY YOU LOVE FORT COLLINS

Share your love letter with #fococreate and you might just win a \$50 DBA Gift Card, a \$50 Recreation Gift Card, a \$175 Premier Golf Card or a chance to have lunch with both the Mayor and City Manager.



THINGS TO FIND IN FORT COLLINS

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☐ MOUNTAINS
☐ LOVE
☐ INNOVATION
☐ ENERGY
☐ FUN
☐ FAMILY
☐ CO-CREATE

☐ SUSTAINABILITY
☐ MUSIC
☐ FLOWERS
☐ CSU
☐ JOY
☐ COMMUNITY
☐ NEIGHBORHOOD

☐ LIVABILITY
☐ CULTURE
☐ RECREATION
☐ HEALTH
☐ ENVIRONMENT
☐ SAFETY
☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ MUSIC
☐ TRANSPARENCY
☐ TRAILS
☐ CREATIVITY
☐ ART
☐ NATURE

☐ FRIENDS
☐ FUTURE
☐ HORSETOOTH
☐ POUDDRE
☐ HIKING
☐ PARKS
☐ WILDLIFE

☐ DOWNTOWN
☐ SHOPPING
☐ ADVENTURE
☐ HOME
☐ HAPPY



#fococreate

Share your completed activities with #fococreate using the City of Fort Collins social media feeds (facebook, twitter or instagram) and you'll be entered to win a \$50 DBA Gift Card, a \$50 Recreation Gift Card, a \$175 Premier Golf Card or a chance to have lunch with both the Mayor and City Manager.

You may also email your entry to msmith@fcgov.com with subject line "#fococreate Entry". Alternatively, entries can be mailed to: City of Fort Collins, 215 N. Mason St., 3rd Floor CPIO, Fort Collins CO, 80524. Entry must include your full name and contact information. Entry must also include a parent or legal guardian's full name, telephone number and email address if contestant is under the age of 18.

Contest runs from February 24th, 2016 through March 31st, 2016.
Winners will be announced and notified on Monday, April 4th, 2016.

For complete contest rules and eligibility, visit fcgov.com/fococreate.