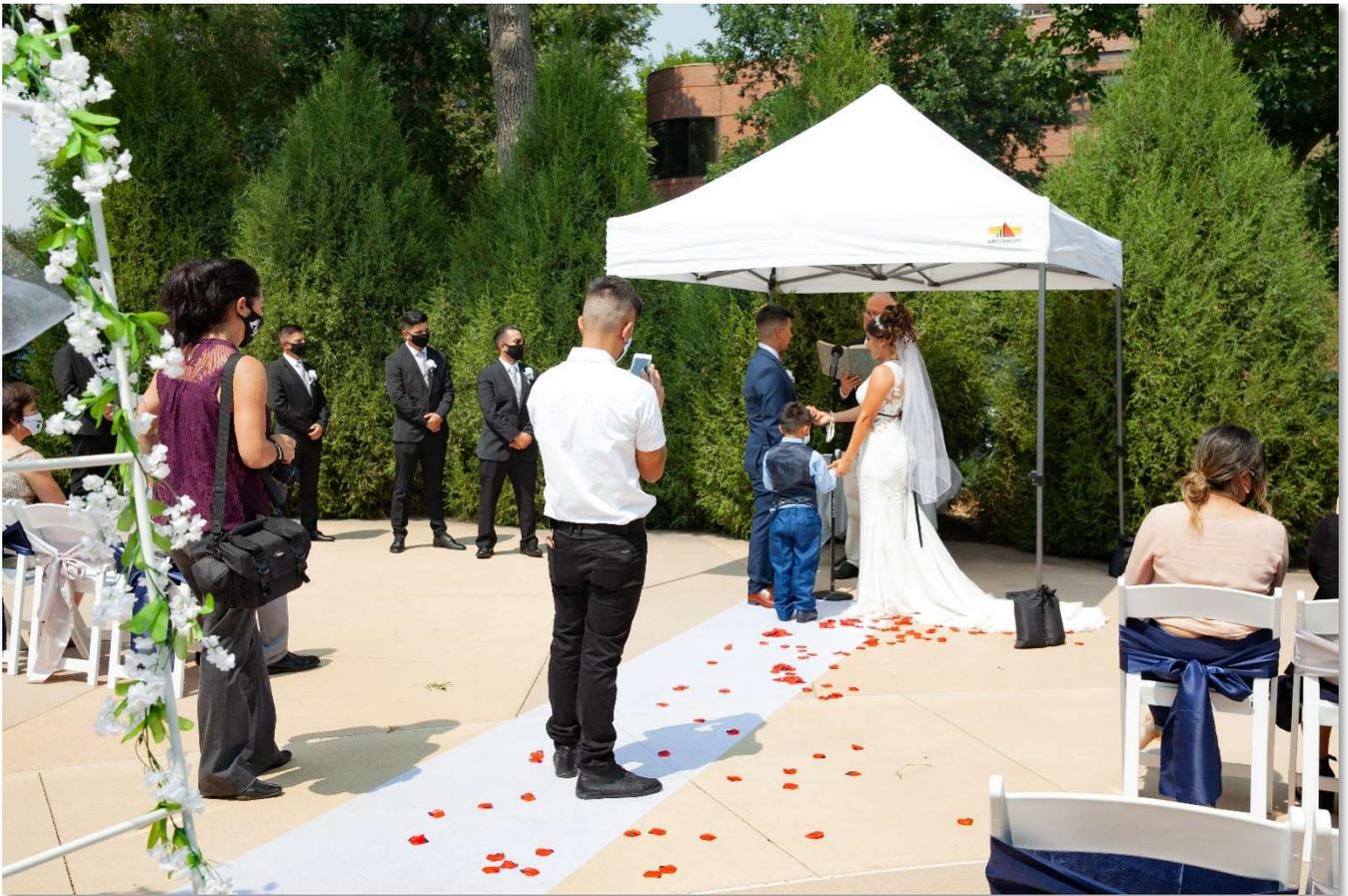


# CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY



Wedding at Lincoln Center

October 2020

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# OCTOBER 8, 2020

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# ISSUES BEFORE COUNCIL

Please note that this list is subject to frequent change. Please call the City Clerk's Office for up-to-date information. 970-416-2774.

## OCTOBER 13 WORK SESSION

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### 2021 Budget Work Session #3

- Discuss overall budget and final direction to staff.  
**High Performing Government - 7.1 Provide world-class municipal services to residents and businesses.**

### Cameron Peak Fire Impact on Water Quality and Water Supply

- Provide a detailed overview on the Cameron Peak Fire impact on water quality and water supply.  
**Environmental Health - 4.6 Provide a reliable, high-quality water supply.**

### Staff Report: COVID-19 Update from County Public Health Director Tom Gonzales

- Provide updates on current cases, the latest plan for addressing recent increases, testing and surveillance, and the ways the City, CSU and Larimer County are working together to protect public health by slowing the spread of the virus including the importance of being diligent regarding wearing facial coverings, social distancing, and limiting large gatherings.

## OCTOBER 19 NORTHERN COLORADO REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION - JOINT MEETING WITH CITY OF LOVELAND

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### 6:00-8:00 p.m. - Remote Participation Only

- <https://zoom.us/j/97446693868>

### Discuss various items related to airport operations

**Transportation - 6.5 Maintain existing and aging transportation infrastructure and addressing missing facilities to meet community needs and expectations.**

## OCTOBER 20 REGULAR MEETING

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### Council Consideration of a Remote Hearing for an Appeal to the Building Review Board

- The purpose of this item is to consider an exception to Ordinance No. 079, 2020 adopted by Council on June 16, 2020, to allow various zoning, development, and historic preservation items to proceed to public hearings using remote technology.  
**High Performing Government - 7.1 Provide world-class municipal services to residents and businesses.**

### Staff Report: Remington Street Stormwater Project

- Discuss a recently completed capital stormwater project in the Spring Creek basin.  
**Safe Community - 5.5 Address water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure needs for the protection of people, property and the environment.**

### Executive Session

- Discuss Broadband issues.

## OCTOBER 22 URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

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### 5:00-7:00 p.m. - Remote Participation Only

- Agenda posted online <https://www.renewfortcollins.com/meeting-agendas>

- <https://zoom.us/j/98687657267>

## OCTOBER 27 WORK SESSION

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### **Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

- Review findings from study and development of master plan for Parks and Recreation, including the state of the system, gaps analysis and priorities identified.  
**Culture and Recreation - 2.2 Plan, design, implement and maintain the City's parks and trails systems**

### **Plastic Pollution**

- Follow up on direction provided by Council at the February 11 Work Session on mitigating plastic pollution in Fort Collins  
**Environmental Health - 4.4 Achieve the 2020 Road to Zero Waste goals and work toward the 2030 zero waste goals.**

### **Homelessness Advisory Committee Findings**

- Provide Council with an overview of recommendations and considerations for homeless shelters from a temporary committee of community members and service providers. The committee met regularly for ten months to produce a final document with recommendations, including for a permanent 24/7 shelter, and suggestions for specific aspects decision-makers might consider  
**Neighborhood Livability and Social Health - 1.2 Collaborate with other agencies to address poverty issues and other identified high-priority human service needs, and to make homelessness rare, short-lived and non-recurring**

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 REGULAR MEETING

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### **Annual Appropriation Ordinance (First Reading)**

- Consider the annual appropriation ordinance and setting the City budget for fiscal year 2021, which becomes the City's financial plan for that year.  
**High Performing Government - 7.1 Provide world-class municipal services to residents and businesses.**

### **Airport Annual Appropriation Ordinance (First Reading)**

- Appropriate the 2021 Budget for the Northern Colorado Regional Airport.

### **Downtown Development Authority Annual Appropriation (First Reading)**

- Appropriate the 2021 Budget for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

### **2021 Electric Rate Ordinance**

- Consider a 3.0% rate increase in monthly charges for electric service beginning in 2021.  
**Economic Health - 3.5 Maintain utility systems, services, infrastructure and predictable rates.**

### **Manufactured Housing Rezonings**

- Conduct a Public Hearing and consider an ordinance to change the zoning map and rezone six properties containing manufactured housing communities to the Manufactured Housing (MH) zone district.  
**Neighborhood Livability & Social Health - 1.1 Improve access to quality housing that is affordable to a broad range of income levels.**

### **Process Improvement for Affordable Housing Fee Support**

- Consider an ordinance on process improvement for affordable housing fee support. This will replace the current fee waiver process that is based on actual fee amounts with set amounts for qualifying units. The set amount is based on historically waived fees. This will provide predictability but will still be: only for 30% AMI units; discretionary with Council; and based on a finding it will not jeopardize the finances of the City.

**Neighborhood Livability & Social Health - 1.1 Improve access to quality housing that is affordable to a broad range of income levels.**

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 GID No. 1 MEETING**

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### **GID No. 1 Annual Appropriation**

- Appropriate the 2021 Budget for General Improvement District (GID) No. 1.

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 SKYVIEW SOUTH GID MEETING**

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### **Skyview South GID No. 15 Annual Appropriation**

- Appropriate the 2021 Budget for Skyview South General Improvement District (GID) No. 15.

## **NOVEMBER 10 ADJOURNED MEETING**

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**Yearly Evaluation of the City Manager, City Attorney and Chief Judge.  
Work Session Canceled.**

# **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT – UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Día de los Muertos Celebration (Day of the Death) – October/November**

City staff will be supporting Poudre Library District as they organize their annual Dia de los Muertos celebration. The event will consist of several activities throughout October and early November. Activities will include decorating altars, virtual workshops, pop-up photo booths, movie screenings, and more. A detailed schedule of activities will be published on Poudre Library's [website](#).

### **Community Meetings with The Family Center**

City staff will continue their series of community meetings this Fall with community members participating in The Family Center's Mi Voz Leadership Program. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 2 and will focus on understanding housing resources and policies that impact mobile home communities in Fort Collins.

### **City's Equity Indicators**

City staff selected the CUNY Institute for State and Local Governance (ISLG) to establish a framework for measuring and understanding the inequities that exist in Fort Collins and how they change over time. In this project, ISLG will collect and analyze data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and other demographic factors to examine the broader landscape of disparities in

outcomes in Fort Collins and work closely with the City and community to develop a set of Equity Indicators that will be used to track progress in reducing key disparities. While the Equity Indicators themselves cannot directly address inequities, they will inform the City’s equity work moving forward, and can help to increase transparency and accountability. Public engagement efforts will begin in October and will consist of different online tools, focus groups, and other types of events to get feedback that will help develop the indicators.

**Home2Health/Housing Strategic Plan**

Public engagement efforts for the next phase of the City’s Home2Health project will resume in October and will be aligned with the launch of the public engagement process for the City’s Housing Strategic Plan.

**SALES TAX - MONTHLY & YEAR TO DATE**

**AUGUST SUMMARY OVER PRIOR YEAR**

|   | <b>Month</b> | <b>Year to Date</b> |
|---|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>Net Sales Tax Collected:</b>         | <b>-4.6%</b> | <b>-4.2%</b>        |
| <b>Net Use Tax Collected:</b>           | <b>-0.2%</b> | <b>-11.1%</b>       |
| <b>Net Sales and Use Tax Collected:</b> | <b>-3.9%</b> | <b>-5.3%</b>        |

Year to date, sales and use tax collections excluding rebates are down 5.3% and total \$88.1M.

**AUGUST SUMMARY OVER BUDGET**

|   | <b>Month</b> | <b>Year to Date</b> |
|---|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>Net Sales Tax Collected:</b>         | <b>-4.6%</b> | <b>-4.9%</b>        |
| <b>Net Use Tax Collected:</b>           | <b>6.9%</b>  | <b>-2.6%</b>        |
| <b>Net Sales and Use Tax Collected:</b> | <b>-2.9%</b> | <b>-4.6%</b>        |

Year to date, the City has collected 4.6% less sales and use tax revenue, totaling \$4.3M under budget.

**CP - ENGINEERING**

**CITYWIDE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS PROJECT**

**Capital Project Updates are indicated in bold.**

Note: Only projects with updates this month are listed.



Funding Source: Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP)  
 Estimated Project Budget: 2019 - \$1.1M  
 Estimated Completion Date: Ongoing  
 Phase: Construction

**Project Details:**

- **Project to expand sidewalks along Prospect Road from Remington to Stover sidewalk construction began September 12; estimated completion October 30. See above before and after pictures showing current construction.**

More information is available at <http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/pedneeds.php>

## TIMBERLINE ROAD CORRIDOR PROJECT

Funding Source: Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF), Developer Contribution, Federal Grant  
 Estimated Project Budget: \$5M  
 Estimated Completion Date: 2021  
 Phase: **Design and ROW**

**Project Details:**

This project will reconstruct South Timberline Road from Stetson Creek Drive to Zephyr Road to the City's four lane arterial roadway standards. Zephyr Road to Trilby Road will be restriped to include two northbound lanes and one southbound lane. Planned improvements include intersection improvements at Kechter Road and Zephyr Road, multi-modal accommodations, raised medians and center turn lanes, access control, landscaping improvements, and roadway improvements.

A pedestrian underpass crossing Timberline Road will also be constructed near Bacon Elementary School.



This project serves to build upon the development improvements that have been completed along the corridor. This project will improve safety, reduce congestion, and provide improved accommodations for alternate travel modes.

**Project Status:**

- **The project is in the final design phase, with anticipated design completion in early 2021.**
- **Right of way acquisition is anticipated to begin in late 2020.**
- **Construction of the underpass and Mail Creek Ditch box culvert is anticipated to begin in early 2021, followed closely by roadway construction.**

More information is available at <https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/timberlinewidening>

## **JEFFERSON STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Funding Source: Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funds, Building on Basics (BOB) 1.0 funds  
Estimated Project Budget: \$1.4M  
Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2020  
Phase: Construction

**Project Details:**

The goals of this project are to develop preliminary engineering design plans, to acquire rights-of-way and easements for planned improvements, and to construct short-term improvements along Jefferson Street between College Avenue and the Mountain/Lincoln Intersection.



**Project Status:**

- **Construction is planned to begin in early October. Staff anticipates construction to be completed in early November, with the completion date being weather dependent.**

## WILLOW STREET IMPROVEMENTS



Funding Source: Federal Grants, Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP), Developer Contributions, DDA Funds  
Estimated Project Budget: \$3.8M  
Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2019  
Phase: Construction

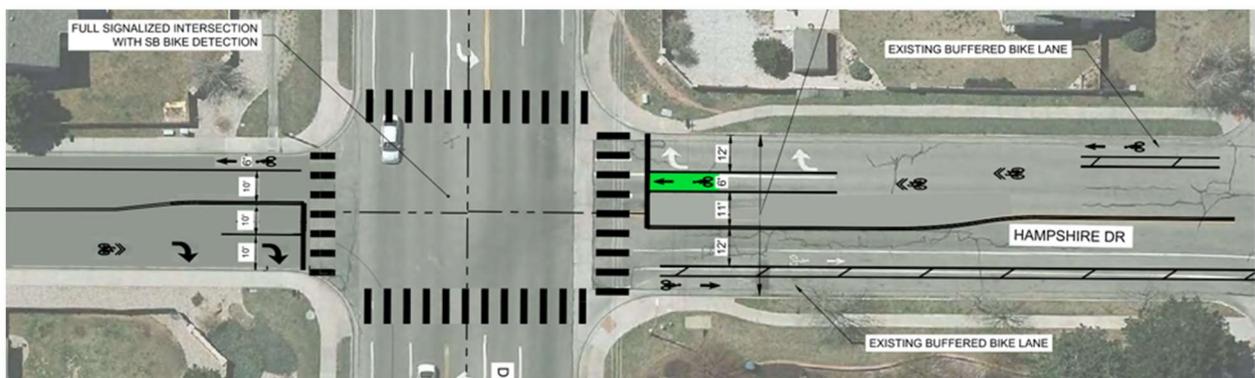
### Project Details:

This project will design roadway and urban design improvements along Willow Street between College Avenue and Linden Street; including a pedestrian plaza at the northern corner of Willow Street and Linden Street.

### Project Status:

- Public art was installed within the pedestrian plaza at the northern corner of Willow Street and Linden Street

## DRAKE AND HAMPSHIRE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL INTERSECTION PROJECT



Funding Source: Safe Routes to School Federal Grant  
Estimated Project Budget: \$620,000  
Estimated Completion Date: Winter 2020  
Phase: Preliminary Design

**Project Details:**

This project will add a signalized intersection and bike/ped improvements to the intersection of Drake Road and Hampshire Drive. Planned improvements include: full signalized intersection, pedestrian ramp improvements, crosswalks, and revised roadway striping to better accommodate cyclists. This project will provide a Safe Route to School connection between Blevins Middle School and the Spring Creek Trail.

**Project Status:**

- **Subsurface Utility Engineering utility investigation at Hampshire and Drake was completed in September.**
- **The combined Hampshire/Drake and HWY1/Douglas Rd Project is planned to be advertised in mid-October.**

## CHERRY STREET ARTHUR DITCH BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

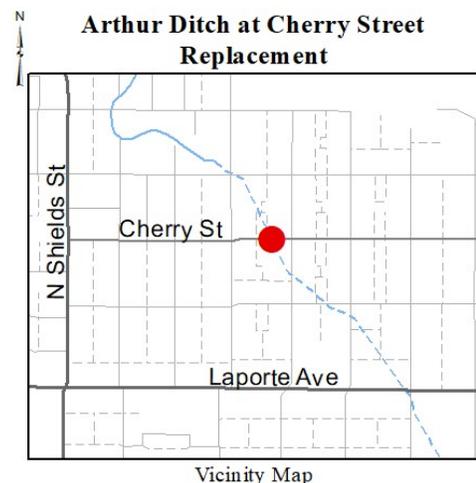
Funding Source: Capital Bridge Program  
Estimated Project Budget: \$750K  
Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2021  
Phase: Final Design

**Project Details:**

This project will replace Arthur Ditch under Cherry Street between Wood Street and Grant Avenue. This bridge is structurally deficient, and load posted. The replacement bridge will be shallower and wider to allow for have full asphalt thickness over the structure. This project is fully funded through the City’s Capital Bridge Program.

**Project Status:**

- **Ditch crossing permit has been completed.**
- **City Staff is coordinating with Xcel regarding their Cherry Street gas line replacement project. Construction schedule may change to minimize road closure.**



# CP - PARK PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

## CITY PARK REFRESH



**Funding Source:** Building On Basics

**Total Project Cost:** \$850k-\$1M

**Phase:** Phase I project identification

**Estimated Completion:** 2021 for Phase I project

### **Project Details:**

Several concepts, master plans, and improvement ideas have been generated and shared with the community for feedback in 2016, 2018, and 2019 to address important refresh needs of City Park. The City Park Restroom Project, which is part of Phase 1 improvements, will provide a new year-round restroom along with surrounding site improvements. Construction of the City Park Restroom began on September 7, with anticipated construction lasting from early September through late December. Landscape plantings may be delayed until spring of 2021, depending on weather conditions. Visit the project web site for additional information regarding the project at [ourcity.fcgov.com/city-park-tomorrow](http://ourcity.fcgov.com/city-park-tomorrow).

### **Project Status:**

- **Construction of City Park Restroom improvements began on September 7.**
- **Demolition work is nearly complete and includes removal of the existing restroom structure, one picnic shelter, as well as some concrete and asphalt.**
- **Upcoming construction will include underground utility work, foundation work for the new restroom and concrete work for new sidewalks.**

## EASTSIDE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

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### **Eastside Park Improvements**

**Funding Source:** First United Methodist Church

**Total Project Cost:** \$225,000 for design and construction

**Phase:** Complete

**Estimated Completion:** Complete

### **Project Details:**

Based on a generous gift from United Methodist Church, some park improvements are proposed at Eastside Park. These improvements will include landscape, lighting, and seating enhancements. Park Planning & Development has prepared an improvement plan for the park.

### **Project Status:**

- **A small ribbon cutting ceremony was held September 30 to commemorate completion of improvements to Eastside Park.**

## CP - OPERATION SERVICES

### FORT COLLINS/LOVELAND POLICE TRAINING CENTER

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#### **Funding Sources:**

\$9.25M generated from bonds for the City of Fort Collins

\$9.25M from City of Loveland

\$1M from DOLA Grant

**Total Project Cost:** \$19.5M

**Phase:** Phase I Site Work in Progress

Phase II Building in Pricing

**Estimated Completion Date:** January 2021



*Administration Building Going Up*

### Project Details:

The City of Fort Collins is partnering with The City of Loveland to construct a new Police training facility which will be located on the west side of the Loveland Airport. This new site will offer a 50-yard pistol range, a 1.4-mile driving track, concrete skills pad, and some classrooms for special training.

### Project Status:

Phase I – Track & Skills Pad Construction:

- **Track and Skills pad have been turned over to Fort Collins and Loveland PD's for use.**

Phase II – Building Construction:

- **Admin building exterior sheathing is nearing completion.**
- **Admin roofing is underway and should be completed early October.**
- **Light gauge interior wall framing being installed.**
- **Mechanical and electrical systems are going in.**
- **Firing range roof is completed.**
- **Firing range ductwork is finishing up, mechanical units to be installed early October.**
- **Firing range baffle system is being installed.**
- Working through RFI's to address contractor's questions.
- Building construction is to be complete late December.
- Currently expecting LEED Silver for Admin building.
- Plan to turn over to Police early January 2021.

## BLOCK 32/42 – CIVIC MASTER PLAN REFRESH

Funding Source: Capital Project via BFO: \$300,000

Estimated Project Cost: TBD

Phase: RFP

Estimated Completion Date: TBD

### Project Details:

Space planning for Block 32 and 42 that was performed in 2013-2014 and needs to be updated.

The new

planning effort will involve each affected department to determine their space needs and anticipated growth

over the next 10-12 Years. With the completion of the refresh the City can decide which departments to house in 215 N Mason, 300 Laporte Ave - Building A, and the new City Hall. The refresh will also help determine an appropriate size of the new City Hall. Once this is determined and a conceptual design is produced it will be submitted to Council for review, next recommended steps and approval.



### Project Status:

- **We are moving forward with a work order for the design team to assist with looking at City's staffing needs with the many teleworkers we have today. We will be looking at new trends and understand how this may impact our new space needs are for the various departments. We plan to have a deliverable by March 2021.**

# CP - UTILITIES

## CUSTOMER INFORMATION AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEM (CIS/OSS)

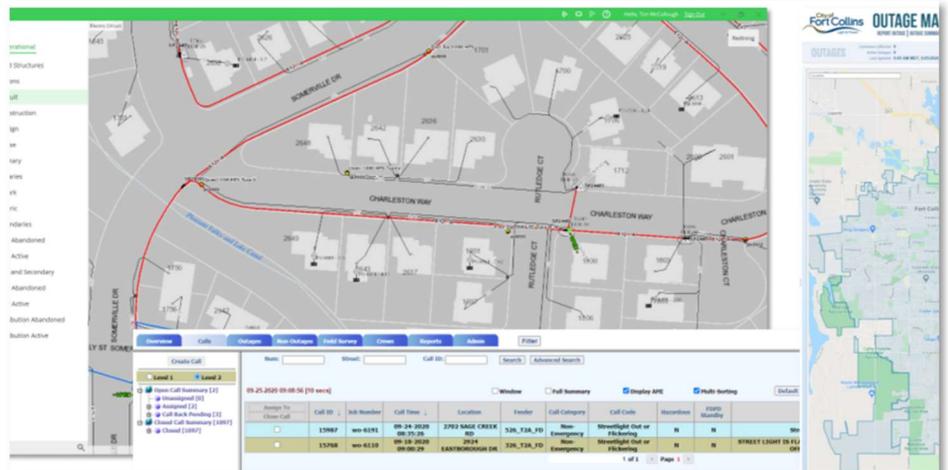
The Customer Information and Operational Support System supports both utilities and broadband billing. The project was launched in August 2018, transitioning a 20 year old legacy system. Connexion billing was launched on the new billing platform on August 2019. Utilities is planning to launch in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2020. We are currently in the system-testing phase of the project, which insures the functionality of each configuration achieves accurate billing and customer service. The new billing platform, Open Smartflex, has the tools and functionality our customers, both residential and business, have been requesting through our customer satisfaction survey. Staff will be sharing the extensive communication outreach plan to City Council and our community on October 6.

## GIS/GWD & ADMS

Funding Source: Offer 5.23  
Operational Technology  
Estimated Project Budget:  
\$2,762,384  
Phase: In Production with full vendor project team support

### Project Details:

- Replacement and upgrade of the existing L&P mapping systems to a fully capable Geographic Information System (GIS) platform compatible with the City's enterprise GIS.
- Implementation of a GIS-based Graphic Work Design (GWD) system enabling streamlined electric distribution design and development and integration with GIS as well as other key systems
- Replacement of existing electric distribution operational tools with a new Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS) that enables L&P's Supervisory Control & Operations (SCO) staff to performs a wide range of real-time analysis in the management of the City's electric distribution system.



Screen capture of ArcFM Mobile

### Project Status:

- Designer is in post-production support with the vendor. We are adding functionality to accommodate temporary installations and removals.
- **The project team is processing a small change order to add functionality to enable more dynamic Designer text to be added to construction layouts.**
- The L&P GIS Team continues to make additions and improvements to the GIS data as determined by project needs.

- L&P GIS staff, Esri, and Schneider Electric have resolved the two issues in the ArcFM Mobile product related to electric tracing and offline use. Work is underway internally to make further improvements to the data for reliable system tracing.
- The OMS functionality of the ADMS system is live and in production, operating in parallel with the previous system.
- The project team is working with ACS, the ADMS vendor, on system refinements to fix issues and processes.
- Training for the DASMap tool, which imports GIS data into the ADMS system, is complete. The project team has successfully independently run the import process three times since training.

## MAPLE AND PEARL STREETS WASTEWATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

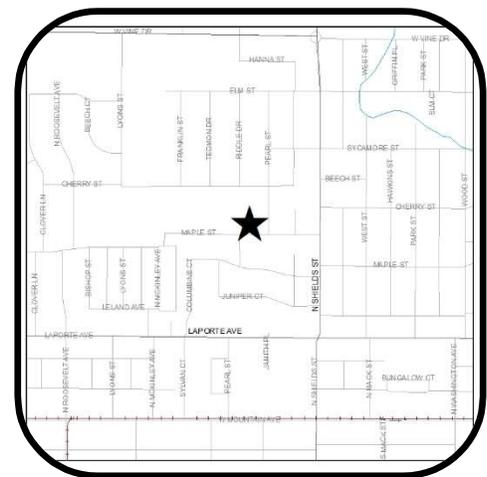
Funding Source: Stormwater and Wastewater  
 Estimated Project Budget: \$587,700.00  
 Status: Construction scheduled to start October 5th  
 Estimated Completion Date: November 11, 2020

### Project Details:

The Maple & Pearl streets wastewater main replacement project will replace 1194 linear feet of 6-inch dilapidated clay tile sewer with new 8-inch PVC sewer. Four brick manholes will be replaced with pre-cast concrete manholes. 32 sewer services connections will be replaced with 1503 square yards of street asphalt.

### Project Status:

- Erosion Control and Traffic Control Plans have been approved.
- Excavation Permit is under review.
- Public Notifications have been mailed out.
- Construction is scheduled to start October 5<sup>th</sup>.



Site Location

## WATER TREATMENT FACILITY – HORSETOOTH ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

Funding Source: Water  
 Estimated Project Budget: \$3,200,000  
 Status: Starting Construction  
 Estimated Completion Date: May 31, 2021

### Project Details:

Norther Colorado Water Conservancy District (Northern Water) plans to shut down the Soldier Canyon pipe outlet from Horsetooth Reservoir in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2020 to conduct repairs. The City, surrounding water districts, and PRPA are working together on a project to supply Horsetooth water from an alternative location during this shutdown. This project



Pumps installed and connected, ready for testing and training

involves constructing a permanent pipeline connection to the Pleasant Valley Pipeline (PVP) and a temporary pump station to connect between the Hansen Canal (the outlet on the north side of Horsetooth Reservoir) and the PVP which supplies water from the Poudre River to northern Colorado water districts. This project will provide Horsetooth water to the water districts and the City during the Northern Water shutdown project.

**Project Status:**

- **Pumps and piping installed and connected.**
- **Pumps to be tested and readied for standby during Northern’s shutdown project starting October 15, 2020.**
- **Team training on using and operating pump station.**

## **DRAKE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY SIDESTREAM TREATMENT**

Funding Source: Wastewater  
Estimated Project Budget: \$5,400,000  
Status: In construction  
Estimated Completion Date: August 2020

**Project Details:**

This project is the design and installation of a wastewater side stream treatment system to meet future nutrient (nitrogen and phosphorous) regulations. The recycle stream from biosolids dewatering carries high nutrient concentrations back to the mainstream treatment system. Side stream treatment will remove nutrients from the recycle stream, which can potentially be turned into fertilizer and reused.



DWRF Sidestream Building and Reactor

**Project Status:**

- **Project substantially complete as of October 1, 2020**
- **Punchlist work for final completion ongoing**
- **Process tuning and optimization ongoing**

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **POUDRE FIRE AUTHORITY**

**Fire Prevention Week 2020**

Fire Prevention Week is October 4th through the 10<sup>th</sup>. This year’s theme is “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen.” PFA will share safety messaging about this alongside fire departments across the nation and Canada. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires and fire related injuries. As part of the public education throughout the week, expect to see banners outside the fire stations and headquarters.

**2020 Excellence in Public Fleet or Mobility Management Award**

PFA’s Fleet Supervisor Bradley Smith won the Excellence in Public Fleet or Mobility Management Award through the NAFA Fleet Management Association. The association is

dedicated to the advancement of the profession of fleet and mobility management and Smith recently accepted the award at their virtual conference. “It’s such a great honor for PFA, and a credit to the work of so many,” said Smith. One of Smith’s largest achievements was the development of a new database which resulted in saving money on fleet maintenance.



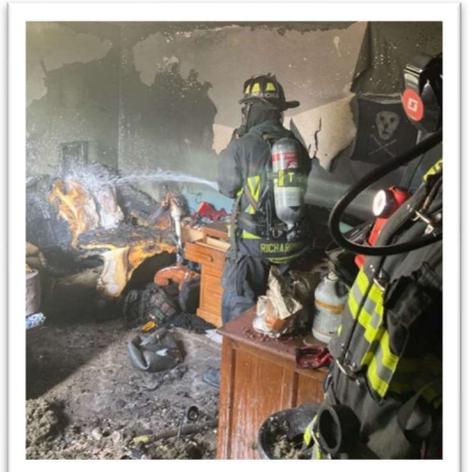
### **Support of the Cameron Peak Fire**

PFA continues to support the Cameron Peak Fire response through resources, personnel, and communication. A crew and brush unit completed a 14-day deployment in September in which they experienced both the early snowfall and increased fire activity of the following week. The crew was part of the Whiskey Division in the southeast portion of the fire management area. They helped provide structure protection.

### **Structure Fire on Placer Court**

PFA was dispatched to a structure fire on the 3000

block of Placer Ct. on Sept. 20th. Engine 3 was first to arrive on scene and saw fire coming from a second floor window. Firefighters made an aggressive interior fire attack, as the Engine 5 crew extinguished the fire from the outside. The support crew, Tower 1, performed a primary search to make sure everyone was out and safe. The fire was knocked down quickly before it spread to other rooms. A fire investigator determined the fire was accidental and started in an upstairs bedroom. It was likely caused by a failure of a damaged lithium ion battery that was charging. PFA provided public education around the use of batteries sharing that damaged batteries should not be used or charged in any way. Firefighters are dispatched to garbage truck fires and fires at the landfill occasionally that are sometimes attributed to lithium ion batteries.



## **POLICE SERVICES**

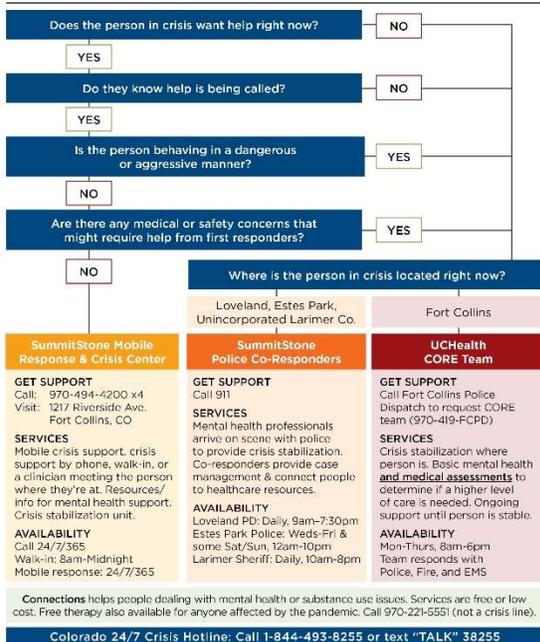
**FCPS launches human trafficking resource page** - Fort Collins Police Services has launched a [new online resource](#) to provide information about human trafficking. Misinformation frequently spreads online about this topic, and the agency wanted to create a place for people to get accurate and local information about this issue.

FCPS organizes demand reduction operations throughout the year. In a September effort, officers cited six men for Soliciting a Prostitute and Pandering. During this operation, a Fort Collins man was also arrested after arranging to sell illegal narcotics to an officer who he thought was an escort. Prostitution is often connected with human trafficking, illegal drug usage and sales, and violent crimes. Police hope to reduce these issues by making Fort Collins a difficult market for soliciting or selling sexual services.

NET also hosts Innkeeper Training to help hotel and motel employees recognize signs of criminal activity. This program gives staff the tools to prevent, identify, and report suspected crimes to a designated NET officer for follow up. These partnerships empower managers to support a safe environment and protect their business interests. Hospitality businesses that want to host free Innkeeper Training for staff can contact the Neighborhood Engagement Team at [net@fcgov.com](mailto:net@fcgov.com).

## Mental Health Crisis Resources

If you or a loved one is experiencing a mental health crisis, resources are available right here in Larimer County. Find out where to get the right help for your situation.



## FCPS creates mental health resource guide with local partners

– In partnership with Co-Responder Stephanie Booco, UCHealth, SummitStone, Connections, and local law enforcement agencies, the FCPS Public Relations Office developed a mental health resource guide.

This guide helps community members determine which resources are available and most appropriate for addressing mental health crisis needs. The guide is available on the FCPS [mental health page](#) and has been shared periodically on the agency's social media platforms.

## Spanish Team hosts virtual Cafecito -

Members of the FCPS Executive Staff and Spanish Team chatted with a group of residents in our "Virtual Cafecito" in Spanish. Staff was grateful for the opportunity to meet, chat with people, and hear about topics of concern. The group shared some great suggestions, which

the Spanish Team is working to implement. One example is a handout in Spanish to include with traffic citations that explains the court process. The Spanish Team is also going to audit other paperwork and processes to address other potential barriers. Once completed, these resources will be available on paper and on the [FCPS Spanish page](#), recently created to host police-related information, event details, and materials requested by community members. Thank you to everyone who continues to share personal experiences and ideas about making Fort Collins a safer, more inclusive place for everyone!



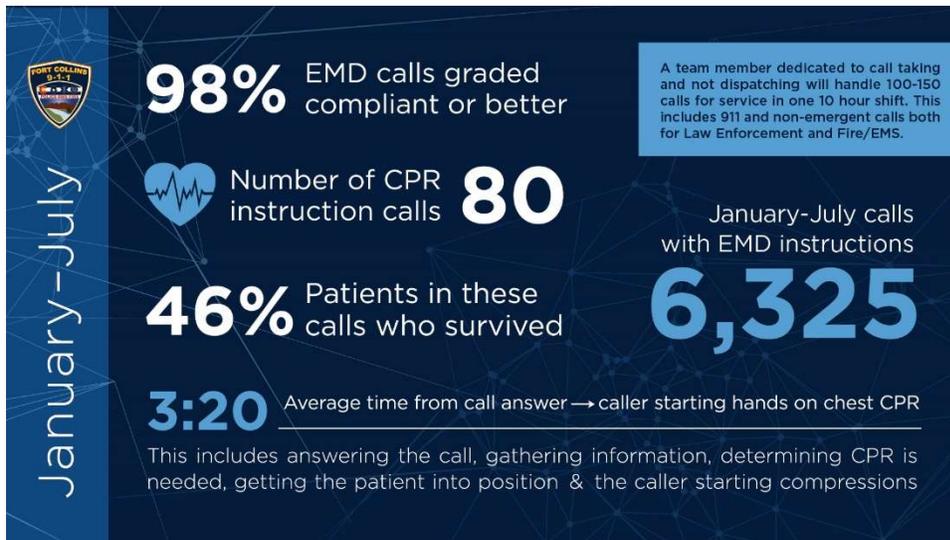
**CRISP Project** - The regionalization of the FC911 dispatch system will make allow for better information flow, efficiency, and safety as a Larimer County community. The CAD/Mobile cutover portion of the ongoing CRISP project successfully took place on September 15 at 4 a.m. The teamwork has been simply outstanding. Kudos to Carol Workman and the core team that worked to make this a transition a success!

## Officers safely locate 3 missing at-risk adults

– On three separate occasions in September, FCPS officers responded to reports of missing adults with cognitive, memory, and serious health issues. Thanks to quick and diligent work by first responders, all three individuals were safely located and reunited with their families. In addition to rapid response and thorough canvassing efforts, FCPS uses a

variety of communication methods to share urgent information about missing/endangered people with our community, including social media, Nextdoor, and notifying media partners to amplify the message.

**Dispatch EMD Highlight** - When people call 911 for a health emergency, the FC911 Dispatch team uses a very specific, systematic program to quickly assess the caller's needs, provide instructions, and send the right resources. This protocol is called Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD). As part of the FC911 ACE accreditation, an outside organization randomly conducts quality assurance checks to assess EMD calls each month. The FC911 team has consistently rated high and regularly provides lifesaving support to our community members in need.



## PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & TRANSPORTATION

### PARKING SERVICES

Parking Services has been working with the Downtown Development Authority to assist downtown businesses recovery efforts. Parking continues to manage the temporary Curbside Pickup signs which have proven valuable as businesses continue to meet customer needs. There are currently sixty-one (61) parking spaces dedicated to curbside pickup use. Additionally, as part of added recovery efforts, the three (3) City managed parking structures extended the first-hour free to be the first three hours free (three-for-free), beginning August 3<sup>rd</sup>, this supported downtown business owners, employees, and longer-term users the opportunity to park off-street for longer periods of time as Parking slowly and systematically ramped back up our parking management efforts. This temporary incentive expired September 30<sup>th</sup>; however, Firehouse Alley Parking Structure will align with the other parking structures in hourly fee and first-hour free, at least through the duration of the postponed Linden Street project.

## BUILDING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

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### Monthly Reporting

Monthly construction reporting and mapping of development review proposals and construction can be found by visiting:

<http://citydocs.fcgov.com/?dt=MONTHLY+REPORT&dn=NEIGHBORHOOD+%26+BUILDING+SERVICES%2FZONING&vid=2&cmd=showdt>

For a detailed listing of development Proposals under review, please visit:

<https://www.fcgov.com/developmentreview/proposals/>

### Home2Health

Home2Health and Housing Strategic Plan: A draft [Existing Conditions Assessment](#) was completed in September, which explores the current state of the housing system in Fort Collins. The document identifies our biggest challenges and remaining questions and is the first step in updating the City's Housing Strategic Plan. This document and the draft vision for the Housing Strategic Plan (*Everyone has stable, healthy housing they can afford*) will be the foundation for Home2Health community engagement in October and November. The Council Ad Hoc Housing Committee, key stakeholder groups, and several Boards and Commissions met in September to review and discuss the Existing Conditions Assessment as well.

### Conceptual Reviews & Preliminary Design Reviews – August 2020

There were 9 Conceptual Reviews and 1 Preliminary Design Review held in August 2020. Information on all past and upcoming Conceptual Reviews and Preliminary Design Reviews can be found online at: <https://www.fcgov.com/developmentreview/proposals/>

### New Development Applications – August 2020

More information on development proposals under review: <https://www.fcgov.com/developmentreview/proposals/>

| Project Name  | Project Type  | Location              |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| Sun Communities – The Foothills Stand Alone Modifications – MOD200002 | Modification of Standard Requests                   | 6750 S College Avenue |
| VOA Senior Housing Final Plan – FDP200015                             | Affordable Senior Housing/ Multi-Family Residential | 1900 E Drake Road     |
| 2400 Kechter Rd Minor Subdivision – BDR200013                         | Minor Subdivision                                   | 2400 Kechter Rd       |
| Precision Technology – PDP200013                                      | Office/Light Industrial                             | 3486 Precision Drive  |
| Wells Fargo Parking Lot & ATMs Final Plan – FDP200016                 | Parking Lot & ATMs, Addition of Permitted Use       | 112 W Magnolia St     |
| Sam's Club Fuel Station – MJA200002                                   | Fueling Station                                     | 4700 Boardwalk Dr     |

### Development Project Decisions – August 2020

More information on development project decisions: <https://www.fcgov.com/developmentreview/proposals/>

| Project Name   | Decision Maker          | Location                  | Decision Date | Decision                                   |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--|
| <b>Wells Fargo Parking Lot &amp; ATMs –</b><br>MJA190003 | Planning & Zoning Board | 112 W Magnolia St         | 8/20/20       | Approved                                   |
| <b>Fischer Rezone –</b><br>REZ200001                     | Planning & Zoning Board | 1201 and 1185 Westward Dr | 8/20/20       | Recommendation of Approval to City Council |

**YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON**

|   | 2019     | 2020 YTD | % Change |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| Development Project Submittals Received     | 321      | 287      | -10.59%  |
| Conceptual/Preliminary Design/Staff Reviews | 167      | 182      | 8.98%    |
| Building Permits Issued                     | 12,033   | 10,706   | -11.03%  |
| Building Permit Valuations (\$M)            | \$261.12 | \$258.57 | -0.98%   |
| Building Inspections Performed              | 20,496   | 23,225   | 13.31%   |
| Zoning Inspections Performed                | 345      | 319      | -7.54%   |
| Zoning Plan Reviews Performed               | 2,129    | 2,216    | 4.09%    |

Overall Development Review revenues are (\$1,224,840) under projection for 2020 as of September 30th with Development Review under by \$(1,128,998) and Engineering Development Review under by \$(95,842).

**NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**

**Neighborhood Services Mini Grants**

Neighborhood Services Mini Grant rounds two and three were combined in 2020 due to delays from budget analysis. Applications from 14 neighborhoods were received for events and activities planned from October-December 15, 2020. Because of the public gathering size guidelines, applications were reviewed with COVID safety as a priority. Neighbors were asked to apply for funding for projects that include opportunities for neighborhood connections with a focus on equity, relating in a COVID world, and resilience. They did not disappoint! Ideas for physically distanced “secret pumpkin” Halloween neighborhood celebrations, bike-in movies in the park, and Thanksgiving meals and meal delivery for elderly neighbors were funded with Neighborhood Services Mini Grant funds.

**FoCo Pop Up Event**



Neighborhood Services, FC Moves, and Fort Collins Connexion hosted the first FoCo Pop Up event on 9/27/20 to provide COVID-safe activities at dispersed sites around the city.

- Approximately 750 participants visited pop up activities in parks and neighborhoods throughout the day.
- City departments and community partners created 16 unexpected, surprise pop ups, while neighbors got in on the fun and hosted six additional pop up activities along low-stress bike networks in their neighborhoods.
- Several roving bicyclists also cruised the low-stress bike network to hand out craft kits to families they met along the way.
- Nine self-guided outdoor adventures highlighting natural resources, Art in Public Places, historic preservation, and CSU were popular with participants based on our conversations at the active pop ups.

One of the best outcomes of the FoCo Pop Up event was the collaboration among City departments to bring something new to the community during a time when so many of the signature Fort Collins events are not possible due to COVID-19. Participants behaved responsibly, wearing face coverings, and maintaining physical distance. Pop up hosts reinforced safety and public health guidelines in accordance with the Larimer County Health Department variance granted to the event. Even the live music, which attracted the largest crowds of the day, was thoughtfully set up to keep the public and musicians safe with signage, distancing markers, and announcements from performers. The response from the public and focus on safety indicates that this model of public event with dispersed but connected activities allows the City to host public events responsibly during the pandemic. Staff is already considering using this model to expand on Open Streets in the Spring 2021.

### **Mobile Home Park/Manufactured Housing Community Residents' Rights**

The second round of Mobile Home Park Mini Grants received 26 applications for skirting replacement/repair, safety lighting in a 55+ neighborhood, and tree trimming. Program Coordinator Julie Wenzel is setting up a simplified third round of Mobile Home Park Mini Grants to target assistance for individuals at risk of eviction or fines due to minor home repairs.

City-initiated rezoning of existing mobile home parks is underway. Seven outreach events and community meetings for residents, property managers, and mobile home park owners were held in Q3 to let residents know what to expect from rezoning and how the new updates to state and local legislation impacts rights and responsibilities for stakeholders. City Staff continues to work on water utility billing transparency issues in mobile home parks. Several undocumented residents in one neighborhood reported a 300% increase in their water bills in June. One mobile home park is not complying with state law regarding sharing the park's water bill with residents, which was reported to the Mobile Home Park Dispute Resolution Program through Colorado Department of Local Affairs in September. This is the first complaint from Fort Collins to go through the state's new process, so the Residents' Rights Team is closely monitoring the progress and timeline.

The Mi Voz resident group is taking the lead on content for the Mobile Home Park Handbook. Funding for consulting services for legal review and translation of the handbook was frozen in 2020, so Neighborhood Services is working closely with Mi Voz to create and edit the content, but will need to identify a funding source or pro bono services to complete the project before publication. Unlike mobile home park handbooks from other Colorado municipalities, the Fort Collins version will contain less text and be presented in creative ways to engage and inform residents.

## **Mediation and Restorative Justice Celebrates 20 years!!**

The City of Fort Collins' Mediation and Restorative Justice Programs (MRJ) are excited to celebrate 20 years of services to the Fort Collins community in October 2020.

In October MRJ will also celebrate Conflict Resolution Month including a City proclamation. Due to COVID, original plans for 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary open house and other activities will not take place.

The City's Mediation Program began as a Vista volunteer start up in 1997; it was incorporated into the City's municipal budget in 2000. Since 2000, the Mediation Program has helped hundreds of residents address community conflict situations in ways that avoid going to court as well as help repair broken relationships. Typical conflicts include neighbor-neighbor disputes, animal control issues, and landlord-tenant disagreements. During 2018-2019, the Mediation Program responded to 638 conflict situations and held 39 mediations. More than 94% of people who participate in mediation think it is a beneficial service for the City to offer.

The City's Restorative Justice (RJ) Program began in 2000 as a Fort Collins Police grant-funded program to provide court diversion for youth who commit crimes in our community. Typical criminal incidents include shoplifting theft, other theft, harassment, assault, trespassing, criminal mischief, and other offenses. The RJ process helps most youth make positive changes in accountability, self-esteem, and connection to adults in their families and community. Since 2000, the RJ Program has served more than 3,000 young people, their families, the victims of their offenses and impacted community members. Over time, 98% of participants report being happy with their restorative justice experience.

The RJ Program combined resources with the Mediation Program under the City's Neighborhood Services Department in 2013. Since then, both programs have cross-trained their volunteers and staff and developed new services to provide the most effective process for any given situation. Today, the Mediation and Restorative Justice Programs are supported by more than 60 trained, skilled volunteers who donate 2,500 hours/year of time to the combined programs. The demand for services has increased dramatically during 2020 due to the increased stress of everyday life being compounded by the pandemic and social unrest. This increased demand will likely continue. At the Mediation and RJ Office, volunteers and staff are excited to offer alternatives that effectively resolve conflict without going through traditional court and law enforcement processes.

For more information about MRJ programming, check out our websites and new videos on Restorative Justice. Mediation – <https://www.fcgov.com/mediation/> ; Restorative Justice <https://www.fcgov.com/restorativejustice/>



# GRAFFITI UPDATE

During the month of September 2020, the Graffiti Abatement Team abated 45 issues consisting of 90 tags measuring 982 square feet of graffiti-covered surfaces.

| Month     | Access FC | Hotline | Pro-Active | Total |
|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|-------|
| January   | 1         | 0       | 51         | 52    |
| February  | 5         | 2       | 22         | 29    |
| March     | 7         | 4       | 55         | 66    |
| April     | 17        | 2       | 42         | 61    |
| May       | 12        | 5       | 36         | 53    |
| June      | 17        | 11      | 35         | 63    |
| July      | 26        | 7       | 36         | 69    |
| August    | 16        | 3       | 39         | 58    |
| September | 19        | 6       | 20         | 45    |
| Total     | 120       | 40      | 336        | 496   |

# SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

### October is Radon Awareness Month

With winter fast approaching, the City of Fort Collins is encouraging community members to test the radon levels in their homes. Radon is a colorless, odorless, and naturally occurring gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer.

Radon gas enters homes and other buildings through cracks and openings in basements, crawl spaces, and slabs. Radon levels vary from house to house and have nothing to do with the age, upkeep, or quality of the building; however, Colorado homes are at a higher risk for radon.

Testing the radon levels in your home is simple and inexpensive. Here are a few options:

- Purchase a radon test kit. The City of Fort Collins sells discounted short-term (\$6) and long-term (\$20) kits for you to test your own home. These kits are available at the Fort Collins Senior Center, located at 1200 Raintree Dr.

If your home has high radon levels:

- Hire a professional. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment provides links to contractors that are certified by the National Radon Proficiency Program and the National Radon Safety Board. [Visit their website](#) to find qualified radon contractors in your area.

For more information on radon and its health impacts as well as testing options through the Healthy Homes program, visit [fcgov.com/airquality/radon](http://fcgov.com/airquality/radon).

## Fall Leaf Recycling

Fort Collins community members and businesses have many options for handling fallen leaves this time of year. Leaves are excellent for composting, and gardeners and farmers also use them for animal bedding and to insulate plants and gardens over the winter. Neighbors can connect through social media networks such as Nextdoor and Facebook to exchange leaves for composting and reuse.

Fallen leaves can be recycled for a fee by [local businesses](#), at the [Timberline Recycling Center](#), or through the [Larimer County Landfill Green Waste Program](#). Residential trash haulers also offer seasonal leaf and yard trimming collection through November for an extra fee. Contact your waste hauler for details.

Reusing, recycling and composting leaves helps the community's zero-waste and climate action goals by keeping them out of landfills and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Remember it is prohibited to burn leaves and yard waste, and that that leaves should not be raked or blown onto the street where they can clog storm drains.

Learn more about proper leaf disposal at <https://www.fcgov.com/recycling/leaf-recycling/>



## SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

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### CARES Assistance for Local Human Service Non-Profits

The City of Fort Collins is supporting the COVID-19 response work of local human services nonprofits by deploying CARES-CVRF funding assistance to select projects. Following internal review and meeting with the CDBG Commission, 16 organizations have been approved for funding totaling approximately \$900,000. The funding proposals were solicited widely from nonprofits in our community and the selected projects are focusing their pandemic response work toward childcare, food insecurity, housing stability and various vulnerable populations. Project examples include rent assistance, remote learning center support for children/youth, expanded childcare services, online services for isolated seniors, food and hygiene items for residents with a disability, COVID testing services for domestic violence victims, enhanced cleaning services for facilities offering homelessness services, and many others.

## ECONOMIC HEALTH

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### **City of Fort Collins Small Business Assistance Program Expands Criteria, Invites More Businesses That Have Been Affected by COVID-19 to Apply**

The City of Fort Collins is launching expanded criteria for the Small Business Assistance Program, as well as a new criteria specifically for single employee businesses. The Small Business Assistance Program is a \$1.6M financial assistance program through Coronavirus Relief Federal funds to provide relief to businesses and nonprofits that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The initial phase of the program closed on Wednesday, September 23, 2020. The next phase of the program, which will include a change in criteria to the existing program and an expansion of the program to include single employee businesses, launched Wednesday, September 30, 2020 and closed on Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

The expanded eligibility criteria will allow businesses & nonprofits to apply for up to \$6,000 if they have:

- Previously received over \$50,000 from other COVID-related grant and loan programs (these entities were previously ineligible)
- 2-20 \*full-time employees (including the owner)
- Physically located within the City of Fort Collins boundaries
- Gross revenue under \$2M
- In operation since July 1, 2019
- Active sales tax license
- No unpaid code enforcement liens
- Verifiable loss of income
- Lawful presence

The new expansion program will allow businesses & nonprofits to apply for up to \$3,000 if they have:

- 1 employee (including the owner)
- Physically located within the City of Fort Collins boundaries
- Gross revenue between \$50,000 and \$2M
- In operation since July 1, 2019
- Active sales tax license
- No unpaid code enforcement liens
- Verifiable loss of income
- Lawful presence

This assistance will not have to be repaid. There will be two separate applications, one for the expanded criteria and one for single employee organizations, that will open September 30 at [fcgov.com/business](https://fcgov.com/business) through October 7.

The applications will be also be available in Spanish.

## UTILITIES

### **CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS**

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In 2020, Utilities Community Engagement has reached 5,421 participants through 188 outreach events and programs.

On August 11th, Colorado Water Conservation Board reviewed and approved Utilities **Water Shortage Action Plan** (2020). Entities with State approved plans are eligible for water shortage/drought mitigation implementation funding.

Water Conservation Staff is now accepting applications for the **Allotment Management Program** to assist with customers impacted by Excess Water Use surcharges. Full applications are due by November 1. Four pre-applications have been started, two pre-application are under-review, and one full application has already been approved.

The residential **Xeriscape Incentive Program** has inspected 43 completed residential projects, issuing rebates to each of those customers for converting high-water use landscapes to low-water/no-water landscapes. The commercial Xeriscape Incentive Program is wrapping up the 2020 program year having supported seven projects on over 13 total acres of private property. Water savings for these projects is estimated at 4.6 million gallons annually.

The **Horsetooth Outlet Project** will begin this month.

- Mandatory water restrictions went into effect Thursday, Oct. 1
- Direct mail postcards arrived at homes starting September 30; distributed to 31,300 Utilities water customers, 37,800 Utilities electric customers (co-branded with the Tri-Districts), and 1,400 West Fort Collins Water District customers
- October bill insert – full page insert focused on restrictions and HOP
- Targeted emails to approximately 3,500 customers who have participated in Utilities programs (e.g., Xeriscape Incentive Program) and Key Accounts, as well as bulk email to approximately 20,300 customers in MyWater
- Website spotlights on main fcgov.com and fcgov.com/utilities web pages, in addition to Utilities web pages dedicated to water restrictions and HOP
- Multiple social media posts (Facebook, Twitter, NextDoor, and Instagram)
- Print, web, radio, and bus bench advertisements
- Presentations to audiences including the Chamber of Commerce, Northern Colorado Rental Housing Association, and Certified Landscape Professionals.
- In-person events, following safety protocols, including FoCo Pop-Up booths

In the month of October, Utilities offered or will offer the following engagement opportunities:

October 1<sup>st</sup> – **Front Range Community College (FRCC) Water Education Program:** This watershed education program will work with an Environmental Science class from FRCC. Students will learn about the Poudre River Watershed and how the City manages the health of the water. There will also be a special focus on the Water Shortage Action Plan, the Horsetooth Outlet Project and career development.

October 6<sup>th</sup> – **Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) Vendor Kick-Off** – There will be a virtual presentation led by LEAP staff for updates to the 2020-2021 LEAP season. LEAP vendors from around the region will attend this meeting.

October 14<sup>th</sup> – **Working Families Thrive** – A virtual meeting for the Working Families Thrive group will be held to provide updates from local non-profit organizations. Staff will provide an overview on payment assistance resources and Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) updates.

October 29<sup>th</sup> - **Climate Education Program** - This program will work with the seam Environmental Science class from Front Range Community College. Utilities staff will collaborate with the City Sustainability staff to facilitate a program on Our Climate Future (OCF) and next steps with OCF.

The Our Climate Future project's next step is to engage the community for feedback and reactions to draft major strategies, called Big Moves, that came out of the brainstorming workshops that took place over the summer.

Staff plan to engage historically underrepresented groups through 1x1 conversations and engage broader audiences through a "Big Move Survey" that will be posted publicly to [OurCity](#).

## WATER RESOURCES AND TREATMENT OPERATIONS

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- Water Reclamation and Biosolids Division continues to participate in the statewide wastewater epidemiology collaborative. Samples are provided from both Fort Collins Utilities wastewater facilities twice per week to Colorado State University for analysis.
- Water Quality Services Division finished its annual Lead and Copper testing at the Water Quality Lab. All results passed well under the Environmental Protection Agency's Action Levels, highlighting the effectiveness of the Water Treatment Facility's Corrosion Control program.
- The Mulberry and the Drake Water Reclamation Facility were recognized as Platinum Level Peak Performers by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA). Both facilities have maintained 100% permit compliance for six consecutive years.
- The Mulberry and Drake Water Reclamation Facilities were recognized as Gold Level Environmental Leaders by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Gold Leaders are those companies with a fully operational, facility-specific Environmental Management System (EMS). They must meet beyond-compliance requirements with no regulatory violations.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### RECREATION

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#### **Fall Youth & Adult Sports:**

- Fall Sports have started back up with safety precautions in place. Staff are seeing about a 50% overall decline in participation of youth and adult sports.

#### **Homeward Alliance and Holistic Fair Rentals at Northside:**

- Recent rentals included a one-day Homeward Alliance Resource Fair, and a weekend-long Holistic Fair, which drew 50+ vendors and a steady flow of socially/physical distanced attendees.

**Camp FunQuest Learning Journey:**

- Childcare for school age kids continues weekly, Mon-Thurs, at the Northside Aztlan Center for children in grades K-5 that are learning remotely. Instructors provide instructional assistance, helping children manage school schedules, log into classes and complete homework assignments. Staff worked with the Social Sustainability Department and City Management to secure \$43,000 in CARES Act funding in order to recover costs from lost Reduced Fee revenue, to increase staffing levels for lower ratios in the classroom, and also to purchase needed classroom furniture and instructional materials.

**Mulberry Pool:**

- Mulberry Pool opened with modified hours to allow for some open swim, lap swimming, private swim team rentals, and aqua fitness programs.

**Holiday Artisan Market:**

- The traditional Holiday Artisan Market will be virtual this year taking place throughout the month of November. More than 45 vendors are scheduled to participate in the event.

**Treatsylvania:**

- Treatsylvania sold out within one hour of registration opening on October 1st. Children ages ten years and under will receive treat bags filled with goodies - including, coupons, promotional materials, and of course, candy! Participants will also enjoy a small hay bale maze, a walk through the not-so-spooky barn, and photo opportunities while staying socially distanced. Treatsylvania will be held over the Halloween weekend for ticketed registrants at the following times:
  - Wednesday, October 28 | 10 a.m.-noon
  - Thursday, October 29 | 10 a.m.-noon
  - Friday, October 30 | 10 a.m.-noon and 5:30-7:30 p.m.
  - Saturday, October 31 | 10 a.m.-noon

**PARKS**

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- The renovation of Rolland Moore basketball courts has begun.
- Downtown holiday lights installation has begun.
- First vegetables (cucumbers), were harvested from the hydro-array in Twin Silo Park and donated to the food bank.
- Completed storm damage cleanup from September 8-9 snowstorm.

## CULTURAL SERVICES

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**Mental Health: Mind Matters Exhibition**

- The **Fort Collins Museum of Discovery** opened the groundbreaking exhibition “[Mental Health: Mind Matters](#)” on October 3rd. This important exhibit aims to build a greater understanding of the importance of mental health and create a safe space for important conversations about mental illness. Hands-on experiences throughout the exhibit bring the visitor closer to the facts, feelings, and issues surrounding this topic that touches so many lives. Experience this special exhibition through January 10<sup>th</sup> and as a bonus, there is no admission charge to the Museum during the run of this exhibit!
- The **Gardens on Spring Creek** has announced a new event – [Pumpkins on Parade!](#) A fun-for-all-ages celebration of Halloween and the harvest, enjoy the Garden’s first-ever Community Carved Pumpkin Contest and hundreds of pumpkins and gourds arranged across The Gardens in artistic displays. Friday, October 23 - Sunday, October 25, 6 – 9 p.m. each evening and tickets must be purchased in advance.

## NATURAL AREAS



### **Flow Restoration Project at CSU Environmental Learning Center**

In September, the City of Fort Collins, in partnership with Colorado State University, repaired a damaged diversion structure at the Colorado State University

Environmental Learning Center (ELC) to keep water flowing through a small side channel of the Cache la Poudre River. This work is critical for maintaining a water right that keeps water flows in the Poudre River for fish, wildlife, and recreation at the ELC. This aligns with the Council priority to “protect and enhance instream river flows” by maintaining a critical water right held by the City at the ELC.

The repair was a great example of cross-departmental collaboration as it involved a team from Natural Areas, Capital Projects, Stormwater, and the Drainage System Division.

The interim repair that was completed recently will be followed by design of a new diversion structure in 2021 with tentative installation in 2022.

Learn more at <https://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/elc>

### **Crossline Canyons Natural Area Expansion – Acquisition**

In early September, Crossline Canyons Natural Area was expanded by 216 acres through two key acquisitions bringing the total acres conserved within the natural area to nearly 1,500 acres. The area, west of Lory State Park, is highly valued for its wildlife habitat, scenic views, and foothills wildlife corridor protection. Public access to this natural area may be possible in the future through additional land purchases to the east. The properties encompass rock outcrops, steep foothills and small glades which give rise to two distinct ecological communities: montane foothill shrubland and ponderosa pine woodland. A variety of wildlife frequent the natural area including the crossline skipper butterfly, black bear, mountain lion, mule deer and elk. The LaBau Gulch/Strawberry Gulch now runs through Crossline Canyons Natural Area.



### Third Quarter Land Conservation Report

| 2020 Acquisitions To Date                             |   | Acreage     | Cost                 |
|---|---|-------------|----------------------|
| Smith Property Water Shares                           | 2.5 Shares in Capital Stock of Pleasant Valley & Lake Canal | Water Right | \$ 645,775           |
| Quarter Circle 4 Ranch                                | Fee Acquisition - Addition to Two Creeks NA                 | 23.63       | \$ 2,002,451         |
| Range Trust   | Fee Acquisition - Kingfisher NA Inholding                   | 5.4         | \$ 27,563            |
| RMOS Inholding  | Fee Acquisition/Conservation Easement - Red Mtn. OS         | 800         | \$ 1,125,000         |
| Ashley Property                                       | Fee Acquisition - West Vine                                 | 38          | \$ 1,400,234         |
| Wygant Property                                       | Fee Acquisition - Adjacent Crossline Canyons NA             | 80          | \$ 390,225           |
| McGraw Property                                       | Fee Acquisition - Adjacent Crossline Canyons NA             | 136         | \$ 221,305           |
| Total Conserved - Year To Date                        |   | 1083.03     | \$ 5,812,553         |
| Property Under Contract                               |   | Acreage     | Cost                 |
| Fee Acquisition / Conservation Easement               | LC Partnership / Regional Fourth Quarter Closing            | 1029        | \$ 1,077,120         |
| Fee Acquisition                                       | Northwest Fort Collins Fourth Quarter Closing               | 23          | \$ 800,000           |
| Fee Acquisition                                       | Northwest Fort Collins Fourth Quarter Closing               | 7           | \$ 400,000           |
| Total Under Contract                                  |   | 1059        | \$ 2,277,120         |
| <b>Land Conservation Funds Budgeted for 2020</b>      |   |             | <b>\$ 12,700,000</b> |
| <b>\$4,300,000 + Re-appropriation</b>                 |   |             |                      |
| <b>\$8,400,000</b>                                    |   |             |                      |
| <b>Land Conservation Funds Expended to Date</b>       |   |             | <b>\$ 5,812,553</b>  |
| <b>Acquisitions Under Contract</b>                    |   |             | <b>\$ 2,277,120</b>  |
| <b>Net Land Conservation Funds Remaining for 2020</b> |   |             | <b>\$ 4,610,327</b>  |

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

### Community Meetings with The Family Center's Mi Voz

In partnership with The Family Center, City staff kicked off their series of Fall meetings with community members participating in the Mi Voz leadership program. The meetings covered a wide array of topics, including, the City's budget, overview of City departments and resources,

as well as overview of different City policies that have an impact on our community. The following meetings were conducted:

- Zoning District – September 9
- Eviction Resources and Utilities – September 30

### 2021 Budget

City staff continued their public engagement efforts to get feedback from community members about the City’s proposed budget, including reductions and priorities. Staff organized several events including listening sessions, which counted on the participation of Council Member Emily Gorgol, and meetings with different community stakeholders. Public engagement activities will continue until the City’s budget is adopted by City Council.

## BROADBAND – FORT COLLINS CONNEXION

### Products and Pricing

#### Connexion TV is coming in October 2020!

From primetime, local news, sports, family, kids, home improvement, and your favorite premium channels, there is so much to explore with Connexion TV!

- Use your favorite streaming device (Apple®, Android™, Amazon Fire TV, etc.)
- Optional Set Top Box rental
- 5 simultaneous streams included (option to upgrade)

#### Residential Video

| BRONZE - \$29.95 a month  | SILVER - \$69.95 a month  | GOLD - \$79.95 a month  |
|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>35+ channels</b><br/>All your essential and local channels like ABC, NBC, CBS, PBS and more</li> <li>• <b>5 streams included</b><br/>Add up to 5 more</li> <li>• <b>Cloud DVR</b><br/>100 hours included</li> <li>• <b>Video On Demand</b><br/>6,000+ titles</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>90+ channels</b><br/>Local programming plus expanded channels including ESPN, HGTV &amp; The Disney Channel</li> <li>• <b>5 streams included</b><br/>Add up to 5 more</li> <li>• <b>Cloud DVR</b><br/>100 hours included</li> <li>• <b>Video On Demand</b><br/>6,000+ titles</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>180+ channels</b><br/>The ultimate TV viewing experience with NFL Network, Cooking, DIY, Science, Sundance and much, much more!</li> <li>• <b>5 streams included</b><br/>Add up to 5 more</li> <li>• <b>Cloud DVR</b><br/>100 hours included</li> <li>• <b>Video On Demand</b><br/>6,000+ titles</li> </ul> |

- Add on premium channels like HBO, Showtime, Cinemax and The Movie Channel
- Sports and Spanish language packages available
- 100 hrs. of Cloud DVE storage included (option to upgrade)

Information coming soon to [www.fconnexion.com](http://www.fconnexion.com).

## Construction & Lawn Restoration

Fort Collins Connexion & AEG crews will continue to provide lawn restoration, including resodding through the month of October. However, instructions on caring for new sod have changed. In accordance with the City’s water restrictions that went into effect on October 1, all new sod will need to be hand watered, or using a drip system. Connexion crews will be distributing the Water Restrictions Door Hangers in neighborhoods, as well as providing updated lawn restoration hangers with the new watering instructions.

## Social Media

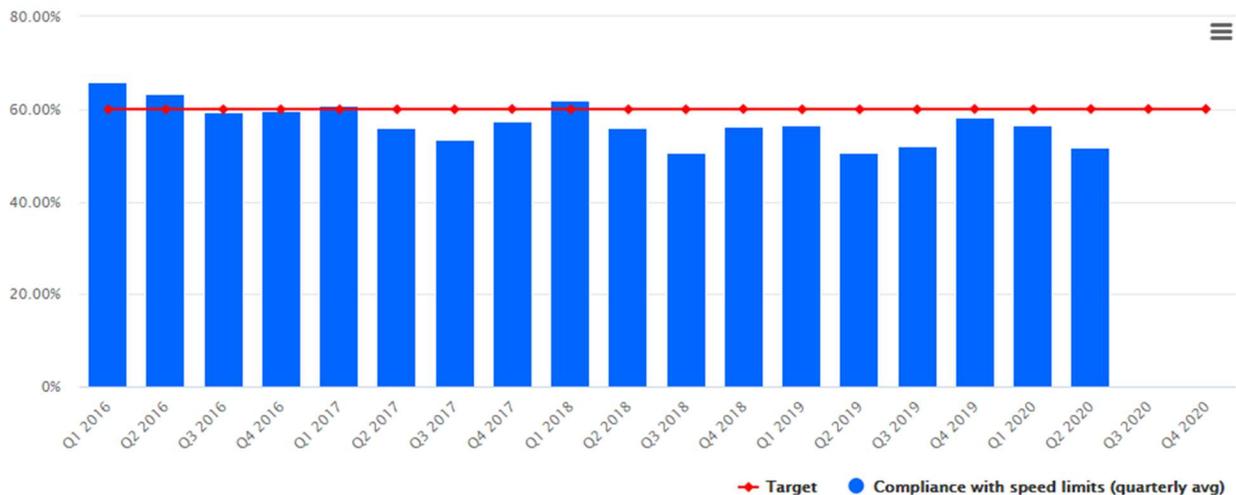
Follow us on Facebook and Twitter! Join the Connexion community—get updates and information on services and more! @FCConnexion @ConnexionFC

# COMMUNITY DASHBOARD HIGHLIGHT

The Community Dashboard features performance data and information that highlights how the City is doing in achieving its seven Outcome areas: Neighborhood Livability and Social Health, Culture and Recreation, Economic Health, Environmental Health, Safe Community, Transportation, and High Performing Government. The Dashboard is made up of 36 total metrics that are published quarterly and demonstrate where the City is doing well and where there are opportunities to improve. The color status of performance for each metric is determined based on the actual result for the quarter compared with the target. The color status of performance for the Outcome is determined based on the average calculation of the performance of each metric within that Outcome.

Each month the City Manager’s Update will highlight a metric from the Community Dashboard. This month’s feature is from the Neighborhood Livability and Social Health Outcome Area.

## Voluntary Speed Compliance



**Analysis:**

- This is a quarterly metric, currently reflecting Q2 2020 data.
- The source of this data is a third-party vendor that runs both the photo radar camera and the red light camera programs for our agency.
- This output metric represents the percentage of vehicles recorded by the photo radar system in monitored 30 mph zones that comply with the posted speed limit.
- The number of vehicles monitored each month can be impacted by several factors, including the amount of staff time used for deploying the photo radar vehicles, when and where they are deployed, as well as weather conditions.
- During the end of Q1 and part of Q2, the camera radar vehicles were only deployed on a very limited basis during the state's COVID-19 related stay-at-home restrictions.
- As more restrictions are lifted, the number of drivers measured by the photo radar camera vehicles will likely be larger and we will continue to monitor the compliance rate.
- Officers work traffic enforcement in these lower speed zones when call-load allows.
- The deployment of the photo radar vehicles is contingent upon availability of personnel.
- Due to the "Stay at Home" orders in Colorado during April 2020, the photo radar vehicles were only deployed during the last week of the month.
- In the coming weeks and months, the community will continue to see changes in guidance on travel and other activities. This, combined with staffing availability, may impact the voluntary speed compliance rate recorded.

**Definition:**

This monthly metric (averaged by quarter) measures speed compliance to 30 mph zones throughout the city. Speeding through neighborhoods can be a quality of life issue for many. Fort Collins is an outdoor activity centered city, with many of its residents frequently enjoying the outdoors in the neighborhoods. Speeding through neighborhoods, commonly a 30 mph zone, can be of concern, especially if near a school, or an area with many children present. This metric measures the compliance rate to those 30 mph zones and can assist with identifying areas for education and enforcement efforts.

**Why is this metric important?**

Compliance helps City services determine needs for education, mitigation, and enforcement to keep users of roadways and bicycle lanes safe. Speed compliance reduces the number and severity of traffic collisions.

**City's impact on this metric:**

High – City impact may be high through targeted education, mitigation, and/or enforcement efforts. This can be demonstrated through past practices and is a clear duty of government.

**Benchmarks:**

Benchmarking in process. There are no currently identified benchmark cities with the same design/challenges that would be illustrative of high/low performance, though we are seeking some. Every city has a unique make-up of roadways, posted speeds, businesses, population, and much more.

To view the entire Dashboard, please visit: <http://fortcollins.clearpointstrategy.com/>