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TRANSFORMING FEDERAL BOULEVARD: SAFER ROADS AHEAD WITH 2025 PROJECT COMPLETION

Colorado Department of Transportation’s Federal Boulevard Median Project is set to improve safety, traffic flow, and the overall driving experience.

By narrowing lanes and introducing a median, the project will help slow down traffic, encourage safer driving habits, and significantly reduce the risk of head-on collisions. The reorganization of turn lanes will also ease congestion and clear traffic jams, allowing traffic to flow more smoothly. These changes will make travel quicker and more efficient, particularly during busy times of the day.

With substantial progress already underway, the project is estimated for completion in March 2025, promising lasting improvements that will make Federal Boulevard a safer and more streamlined route for everyone. To stay updated on the project visit <https://www.codot.gov/projects/federalblvdmedian>.



CONVENIENT UTILITY BILL MANAGEMENT

Managing utility bills can be a hassle, but the City offers online services to make it easier. Visit www.fedheights.org/utilities to sign up for paperless e-billing, set up automatic payments, or update your contact information.

To log in, simply use the PayID from your bill and your address number as the default password.

For any questions or assistance, the utility clerk is available at 303-412-3532 or by e-mail at utilitybilling@fedheights.org. These online tools are here to make managing utility bills a little more convenient and stress-free.



MAYOR LINDA S. MONTOYA REPORTS



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As we step into March and welcome the changing season, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the dedication, kindness, and strong sense of community that make Federal Heights such a special place to live. This time of year brings new opportunities for growth, connection, and reflection, and I'm excited about all the positive things we can accomplish together.

Looking ahead, we have several exciting events and initiatives planned that will bring us closer

as a community. I encourage you to stay engaged, attend upcoming meetings, and participate in local activities to continue making Federal Heights a vibrant and thriving place for all of us.

Your support, whether through volunteering, attending city events, or simply being a friendly neighbor, helps make this city the welcoming and wonderful place we all cherish. Let's keep that spirit alive this month and beyond. Together, we'll continue to build a future full of promise for our children, families, and the generations to come.

Thank you for everything you do to make Federal Heights a great place to call home.

Al comenzar el mes de marzo y dar la bienvenida a la nueva temporada, quiero tomar un momento para expresar mi sincero agradecimiento por la dedicación, amabilidad y el fuerte sentido de comunidad que hacen de Federal Heights un lugar tan especial para vivir. Esta época del año trae nuevas oportunidades para el crecimiento, la conexión y la reflexión, y me emociona todo lo positivo que podemos lograr juntos.

Mirando hacia el futuro, tenemos varios eventos emocionantes e iniciativas planificadas que nos acercarán aún más como comunidad. Los animo a mantenerse comprometidos, asistir a las próximas reuniones y participar en las actividades locales para seguir haciendo de Federal Heights un lugar vibrante y próspero para todos nosotros.

Su apoyo, ya sea a través del voluntariado, asistiendo a eventos comunitarios o simplemente siendo un vecino amable, ayuda a hacer de este pueblo un lugar acogedor y maravilloso que todos apreciamos. Mantengamos vivo ese espíritu este mes y más allá. Juntos, seguiremos construyendo un futuro lleno de promesas para nuestros hijos, nuestras familias y las generaciones venideras.

Gracias por todo lo que hacen para hacer de Federal Heights un gran lugar para llamar hogar.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF PET WASTE

Pet waste may seem harmless, but it is a significant cause of stormwater pollution. When it rains, harmful bacteria and nutrients wash into waterways, harming both human health and aquatic ecosystems. The solution is simple: always pick up after your pet and dispose of waste properly. It's a small effort that protects water quality and creates a healthier environment for everyone—people, pets, and wildlife. Let's all do our part to keep our communities clean and safe.



CITY COUNCIL

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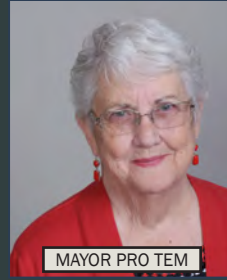


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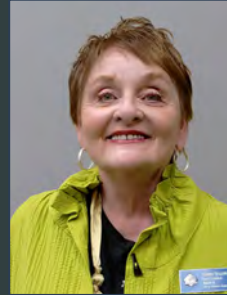


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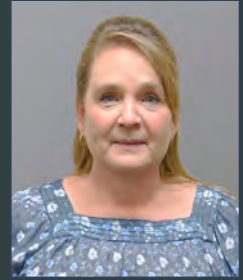


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THE MAYOR AND CITY
COUNCIL MEET AT
6:00 P. M. ON THE
1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS
OF EACH MONTH FOR
REGULAR MEETINGS
& STUDY SESSIONS

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CITY MANAGER

RESERVING THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT CITY HALL

Federal Heights residents can reserve the Community Room for free, with a capacity of 63 people. Contact City Hall at (303) 428-3526 to check availability and submit a reservation application. The following restrictions apply:

- Fundraising is only allowed for non-profits.
- For-profit events, programs recruiting for paid services, or business promotions are not permitted.
- Programs intended to recruit persons for later fee-based programs or create future business opportunities are not permitted.
- Admission or registration fees are not allowed, except for short-term seminars with prior approval.
- Religious services, political campaigns, adult-themed parties, and groups causing excessive wear are prohibited.
- A \$25 deposit is required, refundable if no damages occur and the room is left clean. Groups that damage the room or violate the use policies will not be permitted to return.
- No use beyond 10:00 p.m.



COMMUNITY



Mail Delivery Efficiency

The **zip code** system is essential for ensuring efficient mail delivery, connecting communities, and improving urban planning in our ever-evolving world.



THE IMPORTANCE OF USING THE PLUS-4 WITH YOUR ZIP CODE

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In today's fast-paced world, where accuracy and efficiency matter more than ever, it's easy to overlook the small details. One such detail that can make a big difference in ensuring timely delivery is the use of the plus-4 code with your ZIP code.

What is the Plus-4 Code?

The Plus-4 is a four-digit extension added to the basic five-digit ZIP code. This extra four digits provide more precise information about a delivery address, helping postal services identify specific locations within a larger area, such as apartment buildings, office complexes, or even individual floors.

For example:

- Basic ZIP code: 80260
- With Plus-4: 80260-5316

THE IMPORTANCE OF USING THE PLUS-4 WITH YOUR ZIP CODE (CONTINUED)

Why Should You Use the Plus-4 Code?

- 1. Faster and More Accurate Deliveries** Adding the Plus-4 code allows the postal service to more easily pinpoint your exact location. This means your mail or packages are less likely to get delayed or lost in transit, as the sorting process becomes more efficient. In busy urban areas or large residential buildings, the Plus-4 code can help ensure that your package reaches the right apartment or suite without unnecessary delays.
- 2. Improved Postal Efficiency** By using the Plus-4 code, you contribute to the overall efficiency of the postal system. It reduces the need for manual intervention, such as sorting or verifying addresses, which can slow down the delivery process. The extra digits enhance the speed and precision of automated sorting systems, making your mail delivery quicker.
- 3. Business and Service Optimization** For businesses, particularly those that rely on direct mail campaigns or e-commerce, incorporating the Plus-4 code ensures that marketing materials, invoices, and shipments are delivered accurately and promptly. This leads to improved customer satisfaction, reduced return rates, and fewer shipping issues, which ultimately saves time and money.
- 4. Helps in Emergency Services and Local Deliveries** In times of urgent need—whether it's a medical delivery or an emergency service—the Plus-4 code ensures that responders know exactly where to go. It helps pinpoint precise locations, such as in multi-unit buildings, making it easier to find the right address in case of an emergency.
- 5. Supports Accurate Census and Data Collection Beyond** mail, the Plus-4 code is also crucial for government agencies and organizations collecting data for various purposes, including census-taking and regional planning. More accurate ZIP codes allow for better analysis of demographic and community information.

How to Use the Plus-4 Code

While you might not need to remember or manually add the Plus-4 code, most online forms (especially those for shipping or e-commerce) will either automatically generate the extension based on your address or allow you to input it directly. If you're ever unsure about what the exact Plus-4 extension is for your address, it's easy to find by using the **U.S. Postal Service ZIP Code Lookup tool** online at <https://tools.usps.com/zip-code-lookup.htm>

The Power of a Simple Addition

Using the Plus-4 code may seem like a small detail, but it plays a crucial role in ensuring fast, accurate, and efficient mail delivery. Whether you're sending or receiving mail, taking the extra moment to include this simple addition helps everyone—from postal workers to businesses to emergency responders—work more efficiently. Embracing this small step contributes to smoother logistics and better service all around.

So, next time you're filling out an address or shipping information, make sure to include the Plus-4 code. It's a simple yet impactful way to make sure your mail gets to the right place, fast!

RECENTLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 25-01 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FEDERAL HEIGHTS, COLORADO, AMENDING ARTICLE II TECHNICAL CODES OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE FEDERAL HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CODE

The City Prosecutor had identified a gap in the language of the City's technical adoption that needed to be addressed. Specifically, the City's adoption repeals and replaces the Board of Appeals process in the original technical codes with the City's own process. Additionally, some typographical errors were corrected, and clarifications were added.

COMMUNITY

REMEMBERING VIRGINIA MULLINS AND HER LIFETIME OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO FEDERAL HEIGHTS

Virginia Mullins, a familiar face at city hall and valued employee for 40 years, retired on July 4, 2014, and passed away on February 5, 2025. Mullins began her career with the Federal Heights Sanitation District in 1973. The district was absorbed by the city a year later and she moved from what is now the Fire Station to City Hall.

It seemed natural for Mullins to work for the city since she moved here in 1961 and her late husband was a firefighter. She was a “fire-ette” who cooked meals and often physically rang the fire bell to summons firefighters when they were needed. She remembered a time when Federal Heights was more of an open field than a city and Federal Boulevard was a two-lane road. She remembered when Water World was a farm owned by Eugene Camenisch and 84th Avenue from Zuni Street to Federal Boulevard did not exist. She started off mailing 100 water bills monthly and when she retired 40 years later, mailed over 1,300 water bills monthly.



Virginia Mullins and former mayor, Daniel Dick, in his electric car at City Hall.



Sanitation District Board, left to right, Eldon Harris, Jim Craddock, Alsie Craddock, David Wilson, Virginia Mullins, Cecil White, and Lyle Mullins, October 1973.

A retirement party was held for Mullins on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at the Fire Station. After her retirement, she traveled a lot and loved to ride with her son on his motorcycle. We will always be appreciative of Virginia’s dedicated service to the city and her staunch protection of the taxpayer dollar. She will be dearly missed.

HISTORIC ARTIFACTS DONATED TO FEDERAL HEIGHTS

Former Federal Heights resident Bob Savery came bearing gifts when he attended the City’s Historical Committee meeting on February 11. Bob, the son of the City’s fourth Mayor, Stuart D. Savery, presented the committee with some Native American artifacts, including a metate and mano stone, arrowheads and small stone tools, some of which he discovered in the area as a young boy.

Bob moved with his parents to Federal Heights when he was just one year old. Growing up with four siblings, whom he described as “normal kids who got into normal mischief,” Bob and his brother Al took piano lessons from a woman he remembers as Mrs. Jackson. She lived on an 80-acre farm near 120th Avenue and Federal Boulevard. While Al took his piano lessons, Bob would explore the farm, searching for rocks.

One day, when Bob was ten years old, he came in from rock hunting and showed the piano teacher his pocket full of pretty rocks. He later learned that they were broken pieces of jasper, petrified wood, and flint that Native Americans had used to make arrowheads. The piano teacher’s husband would often ask Bob and his brother to go to the field he had just plowed and remove the rocks he had turned up with the plow. Bob fondly recalled the day he found the perfect teardrop-shaped metate.

By the time Bob graduated from high school, as a member of the first class to graduate from Ranum High School, he had found 30 perfect arrowhead points. He donated the first one he ever found, at age 10, to the Historical Committee.

Bob, who will be celebrating his 80th birthday on St. Patrick’s Day, is the grandson of Charles Savery, who owned several mushroom farms, including the Savory Savery Mushroom Farm near 112th Avenue and Federal Boulevard.



FATS, OILS, & GREASES (FOG)

As spring approaches, it’s the perfect time to remember an important issue that can affect our sewer systems—FOG: Fats, Oils, and Greases! During colder months, these substances can quickly build up and cause significant blockages in sewer lines. Cooking oils, animal fats, and greasy food waste are among the top culprits behind these clogs, which can lead to costly backups for homeowners, property owners, and even the City. To avoid contributing to these issues, always dispose of FOG properly. Instead of pouring it down the drain, collect the drippings in a container, allow them to cool and solidify, and then throw them away in the trash. Let’s work together to keep our community’s pipes clear this spring and beyond!



POLICE DEPARTMENT

NON-EMERGENCY 24-HOUR DISPATCH LINE

If you need assistance from the Federal Heights related to a neighborhood concern that does not require immediate assistance, please call the number below. Some examples of incidents that you might call this line for are: noise complaints, nuisance complaints, stranded motorist, keys locked in your car, crimes not in progress, trees down, downed utility poles, or roads flooding.

303-428-8833

If you are having an emergency, please call 911. The City's first responder staff are always ready to assist you if you have a police, fire or medical emergency. For all other issues, please call the number above.

HOME REPAIR FRAUD

Home repair scams are a top consumer fraud issue in Colorado, with older residents often being targeted by deceptive contractors. To help protect yourself from fraud, follow these important steps before hiring a contractor:

- Be cautious with door-to-door contractors, especially those who use scare tactics or offer deals on leftover materials.
- Obtain at least three estimates, and remember, the lowest price isn't always the best choice.
- Confirm the contractor's credentials by reaching out to your local building inspection office.
- Research the contractor's reputation with the Better Business Bureau.
- Ask the contractor to provide proof that they are properly bonded and carry both liability and workers' compensation insurance.
- Request a detailed, written contract that clearly outlines the scope of work and the materials to be used.
- Limit up-front payments to no more than the actual cost of materials as specified in the contract.
- Don't make full payment until the job is finished, you're satisfied with the results, and you've received a "lien waiver" confirming the contractor has paid any subcontractors and suppliers.



If you have concerns or need assistance, contact the Federal Heights Police Department at 303-428-8538 or call the Denver District Attorney Fraud Hot Line at 720-913-9179.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

6 ESSENTIAL FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Fires can strike unexpectedly, but with the right precautions, you can significantly reduce the risk and protect your home and loved ones. By following these fire safety tips, you can safeguard your household and prevent fire-related incidents. Regular maintenance, safety awareness, and the proper equipment are crucial in minimizing the dangers of fire. Take the time to plan and prepare so that you can respond quickly and safely if a fire occurs.



- 1. Maintain Smoke Alarms:** Install alarms in every bedroom and on each level. Test them monthly and replace every 10 years.
- 2. Create a Fire Escape Plan:** Identify multiple exits and practice fire drills. Keep exits clear and close doors behind you when evacuating.
- 3. Prevent Cooking Fires:** Never leave cooking unattended. Smother small grease fires with a lid and keep oven doors closed if a fire starts.
- 4. Ensure Electrical Safety:** Avoid overloading outlets and use extension cords only temporarily. Call an electrician for any issues.
- 5. Practice Heater Safety:** Keep space heaters 3 feet away from anything flammable and always supervise their use.
- 6. Special Care for Manufactured Homes:** Install smoke alarms near sleeping areas, avoid circuit overloads, and hire qualified professionals for electrical work. Plan escape routes accordingly. Electrical work in these homes must always be carried out by qualified professionals, and residents should avoid overloading circuits to prevent fires.

UPCOMING CPR CLASSES OFFERED: LEARN LIFE-SAVING SKILLS

The Federal Heights Fire Department is excited to announce that it will soon be offering CPR classes to the community. These classes are designed to equip participants with essential life-saving skills to respond effectively in emergencies. Whether you're a parent, caregiver, or someone who simply wants to be prepared, CPR training can help you act quickly and confidently in critical situations.

A small fee will apply to cover materials and certification. For more information about the CPR classes, please contact the Fire Department at 303-427-7209. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain life-saving knowledge and contribute to the safety of the community!



MARIJUANA EDUCATION



UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS

As legal marijuana use can be a part of life in Colorado, understanding the laws, health implications, and responsible use is crucial for all residents. Whether you're a regular user, a first-timer, or someone who simply wants to stay informed, here's what every Coloradan needs to know about marijuana.

KNOW THE LAW

Since marijuana was legalized for recreational use in 2012, Colorado has implemented strict regulations to ensure safety and responsible use. Adults 21 and older can legally possess up to one ounce of marijuana for personal use. However, it remains illegal to use marijuana in public places or drive under the influence.

HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS

Marijuana can have both positive and negative effects on your body and mind. It has been shown to relieve symptoms of certain medical conditions such as chronic pain, anxiety, and nausea. However, overuse or misuse can lead to impaired judgment, memory issues, and increased anxiety for some individuals.

If you're considering marijuana for medical purposes, consult with a healthcare professional to understand how it may affect your health, especially if you have pre-existing conditions or are taking other medications.

RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION

- **Start Low, Go Slow:** If you're new to marijuana, begin with a small dose and give your body time to react.
- **Know Your Source:** Purchase marijuana only from licensed dispensaries. This ensures the product is regulated and tested for safety.
- **Don't Drive High:** Operating a vehicle under the influence is illegal and dangerous. Plan ahead for a safe ride.

EDUCACIÓN SOBRE LA MARIHUANA



ENTENDIENDO LO BÁSICO

Dado que el uso legal de la marihuana puede ser parte de la vida en Colorado, entender las leyes, las implicaciones para la salud y el uso responsable es crucial para todos los residentes. Ya seas un usuario frecuente, un principiante o alguien que simplemente quiere mantenerse informado, esto es lo que todo habitante de Colorado necesita saber sobre la marihuana.

CONOCE LA LEY

Desde que la marihuana fue legalizada para uso recreativo en 2012, Colorado ha implementado regulaciones estrictas para garantizar la seguridad y el uso responsable. Los adultos de 21 años o más pueden poseer legalmente hasta una onza de marihuana para uso personal. Sin embargo, sigue siendo ilegal usar marihuana en lugares públicos o conducir bajo los efectos de la misma.

CONSIDERACIONES DE SALUD

La marihuana puede tener efectos tanto positivos como negativos en tu cuerpo y mente. Se ha demostrado que alivia los síntomas de ciertas condiciones médicas, como el dolor crónico, la ansiedad y las náuseas. Sin embargo, el uso excesivo o incorrecto puede generar juicio alterado, problemas de memoria y aumento de la

ansiedad en algunas personas.

Si estás considerando la marihuana para fines médicos, consulta con un profesional de la salud para entender cómo puede afectar tu salud, especialmente si tienes condiciones preexistentes o estás tomando otros medicamentos.

CONSUMO RESPONSABLE

- **Comienza Bajo, Ve Despacio:** Si eres nuevo en la marihuana, empieza con una dosis pequeña y dale tiempo a tu cuerpo para reaccionar.
- **Conoce Tu Fuente:** Compra marihuana solo en dispensarios autorizados. Esto garantiza que el producto esté regulado y probado para su seguridad.
- **No Conduzcas Bajo los Efectos:** Conducir bajo los efectos es ilegal y peligroso. Planea con anticipación para tener un transporte seguro.



A-Lift Mobility Service

The City of Federal Heights partners with Adams County and Adams County municipalities to offer free mobility services to residents who are mobility challenged or are 60 years and older. To find out how you can improve your mobility call (303) 447-9636 or visit <https://www.adcogov.org/community-transit-program-lift>.

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ECRWSS LOCAL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

City Hall Receptionist	(303) 428-3526	Utility Billing	(303) 412-3532
City Manager's Office	(303) 412-3525	Building Department	(303) 412-3527
City Clerk	(303) 412-3536	City Planner	(303) 412-3530
Fire Department	(303) 427-7209	Public Works	(303) 412-3539
Police Department	(303) 428-8538	Engineering	(303) 412-3521
Community Development	(303) 412-3558	Human Resources/Employment	(303) 412-3520
		Municipal Court	(303) 412-3538

ITEMS OF INTEREST

A WARM WELCOME

To to the newest licensed businesses in Federal Heights!

COOL KLEAN CAR WASH

9370 Federal Blvd.
(720) 837-8646

PS BARBER & HAIR STYLIST

1407 W. 84th Ave., #D2
(720) 284-1205

DENVER CASCADE COLORADO LLC

9650 Federal Blvd.
(303) 720-7002

KIMBERLY HILLS LIQUOR MART

2575 W. 92nd Ave.
(720) 243-1232

WELLHAVEN PETHEALTH CO LLC

8700 Zuni St.
(303) 429-1400

FEDERAL HEIGHTS EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Visit the City's website: www.fedheights.org to explore available job opportunities with the City of Federal Heights.

Click on the Employment Opportunities tab to browse all current job and volunteer openings. More information about each position can be found by clicking on a position's title.

Employment Application links are found at the bottom of each job announcement. Completed applications can be e-mailed to hr@fedheights.org or hard copies can be dropped off at City Hall or mailed to:

Attn: Human Resources.
2380 W. 90th Avenue,
Federal Heights, CO 80260

Applications can also be faxed to (303) 428-3298. Thank you for your interest in working for the City of Federal Heights.