

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2021

2021 FREE TREE AND SHRUB GIVE-AWAY



Blue Spruce



Bur Oak



Bigtooth Maple



Crimson Doll Lilac

The City has coordinated with Hilltop Gardens to coordinate a COVID-safe option for the 2021 Free Tree and Shrub Give-Away event open to residents of single-family housing and mobile home parks in Federal Heights.

9660 N. Federal Blvd., Federal Heights, CO 80260
 Saturday, September 11, 2021 through
 Sunday, September 19, 2021
 Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Cranberry Bush Viburnum



Peach Drift Rose

More information available at www.fedheights.org/calendar

FREE DAYS AT VEOLIA'S COLORADO RECYCLING CENTER

This year, Federal Heights Residents must make an appointment online or call Veolia to schedule a time on either September 8th or September 11th for free drop off household hazardous waste and electronics. Veolia's Colorado Recycling Center is located at 9131 E. 96th Avenue, Henderson, CO. Appointments can be made by calling (617) 833-2664 or by visiting veolianorthamerica.com. Proof of residency will be required. If you have household hazardous waste or electronics that you no longer need please take advantage of this service. Drop off times for Federal Heights residents are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, September 8, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Saturday, September 11, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

MAYOR LINDA S. MONTOYA *reports*



Linda S. Montoya
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Greetings! We are nearing the end of the summer season. Hopefully you have been able to spend some time outdoors to enjoy our beautiful Colorado weather. The City's free days at Water World were a huge success with nearly 2,800 residents taking advantage of the event!

You have all noticed the work going on in Ruston Park. Our plans are to have Phase I completed sometime this fall and to have a Grand Re-Opening celebration to see all of the improvements.

With the current COVID variant spreading throughout our State, our hope is to continue to support our local businesses by keeping them open, and for our children to return to school. If you have any questions about the vaccine, we have several resources for you. Please take some time to educate yourselves about the vaccine and make the right decision for you and your family about getting vaccinated.

RECENTLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 21-07 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FEDERAL HEIGHTS, COLORADO, ENACTING ARTICLE XIV FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE FEDERAL HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CODE

Prior to 2019, the Secretary of State received all campaign finance complaints, per the Colorado constitution. In 2019, the Governor signed Senate Bill 19-232 which provides that any complaint arising out of a municipal campaign finance matter be exclusively filed with the City Clerk rather than the Secretary of State. This ordinance establishes a process for review of municipal campaign finance complaints including filing timelines, complaint review process, hearing process, civil penalties and more.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-08 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FEDERAL HEIGHTS, COLORADO, AMENDING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 70 OF THE FEDERAL HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO ZONING OF PREVIOUSLY ZONED PROPERTY

The City's zoning code did not contain review criteria for the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council to consider when making decisions regarding changes from one zone district to another. This ordinance adds criteria that exist in state statute and provide a basis for evaluating a request to rezone property that is legally defensible and consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-09 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FEDERAL HEIGHTS, COLORADO, AMENDING DIVISION 10, ARTICLE VII OF CHAPTER 70 OF THE FEDERAL HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO PUD PLANS AND PUD PLAN AMENDMENTS

The PUD section of the City's zoning code did not contain review criteria for the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council to consider when making decisions regarding changes from one zone district to another. This ordinance adds criteria that exist in state statute and provide a basis for evaluating a request to rezone property that is legally defensive and consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

CITY *council*

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

Meetings are held electronically due to COVID-19 until further notice.

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Did you know the City has multiple on-line tools to assist you? Go to www.fedheights.org and scroll down to Resident Resources. From there, you can click on "Neighborhood Concerns Form" to report any code enforcement or animal control issues in your neighborhood. Federal Heights Code

Enforcement/Animal Control view all neighborhood reports seriously and will actively pursue investigation. You can also email code enforcement directly at codeenforcement@fedheights.org. You can click on "General Feedback Form" to provide any feedback. The City of Federal Heights is committed to providing the best service possible to residents. We welcome your feedback, both positive and areas for improvement. You can click on "Traffic Complaint Inquiry Request" if you have a traffic complaint to report. If you need a general list of department contact information, it can be found at www.fedheights.org/contacts. We always have someone available to take your phone call 24/7. If it's an emergency, please call 911. For afterhours non-emergencies, please call 303-428-8833. Finally, City Hall is open to the public Tuesday – Friday from 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.



2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION



ELECTION DETAILS

The City of Federal Heights conducts a municipal election every two years on the first Tuesday in November in odd-numbered years. This year's election will be coordinated with Adams County and held on Tuesday, November 2nd. Three seats for four-year terms will be filled in November, 2021:

- Ward I
- Ward II
- Ward III

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration is available up to, and including, Election Day, November 2, 2021. To register, a voter must have lived at his or her residence on or before October 11, 2021 (22 days prior to Election Day). To vote for City Council members, you must reside in the ward in which they are running. There are several options to register to vote:

1. A Colorado Department of Motor Vehicle office when you apply for a driver's license or update your driver's license information;
2. Online at www.GoVoteColorado.com (if you have a valid Colorado driver's license or state-issued ID card from the Colorado Department of Revenue) at least eight (8) days before the election;
3. City of Federal Heights City Hall (paper application form);
4. Printable voter registration forms on the Colorado Secretary of State's website: <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/vote/VoterRegFormEnglish.pdf>;
5. Offices that provide public assistance, primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities; and
6. Voter service and polling centers (see information to the right).

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Be a Citizen of the United States;
- Be a registered elector of the City and the Ward for a period of 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the election;
- Not convicted of a felony or willful violation of the City's charter; and
- Not an employee of the City or member of a City board or commission.

VOTING

The City of Federal Heights has a 24-hour drop box site, accessible by car and/or walk-up, located in the main parking lot at City Hall, 2380 W. 90th Ave. The drop box has 24-hour video surveillance and will be open beginning on Monday, October 11, 2021.

Early Voter Service and Polling Centers will be open October 25th - November 2nd. These centers will provide voters with the following services:

- Register to vote
- Update voter registration
- Request a new or replacement ballot
- Drop-off voted mail ballot
- Vote on an accessible electronic voting tablet

The centers will be open:

- Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 30, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Election Day, November 2nd 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The nearest center available to Federal Heights residents is at 8452 N. Federal Blvd. in the Adams County Motor Vehicle office. All voters who vote at Voter Service and Polling Centers must provide identification. Please check the Adams County Elections website, adamsvotes.com/vspcs/ for additional information.





YARD OF THE MONTH

City Council initiated the Yard of the Month program to recognize neighbors who go “above and beyond” to make their yards look magnificent. City Council names two Yard of the Month winners in July, August and September. The two categories are stick-built residential properties and manufactured home properties. September will also include a Commercial winner for best outdoor presentation. Winners receive a yard sign to be displayed during their month of recognition, a certificate, and a gift certificate. The top four most-desirable nominations in each category will be presented to City Council for selection. If more than four nominations are submitted, a committee will select the most-desirable nominations to present. Winners from the previous year and Council members are ineligible for selection. The criteria for Yard of the Month selection include:

- Yard must be in Federal Heights city limits
- Total exterior appearance as viewed from the street
- General maintenance, tidiness and neatness
- Pruned, trimmed and shaped foliage
- Edged and defined lawns, borders, flower beds
- Visually appealing façade

Next year’s nominations can be submitted by anyone and property owners may nominate their own yards. For more information or to nominate a yard contact: events@fedheights.org or 303-412-3560.

YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS



July Winners Thomas Acosta and Kelly McCann



July Winner Michael S. Lucero



August Winners Anthony and Lynn Tran



August Winner Janet Fiore

City of Federal Heights - City Council

Tree and Shrub Give-Away

Community Pride!



First Come,
First Served
Federal Heights
Residents Only

**Sept. 11th -
Sept. 19th**

Monday-Friday 9am -6pm
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 10am-5pm

**Hilltop Gardens
9660 Federal Blvd.**

This event is open to residents of single-family housing and mobile home parks in Federal Heights. Please bring a photo ID with an eligible Federal Heights address (or a photo ID with an old address and a corresponding utility bill or piece of mail addressed to you at your Federal Heights address). Residents can select one tree or two shrubs per residential address, while supplies last. Residents must be present to participate.

www.fedheights.org | 303.412.3526
www.facebook.com/fedheights | www.twitter.com/fedheights



COLORADO POVERTY LAW PROJECT

Colorado Poverty Law Project, CPLP, seeks to provide legal services to mobile home residents in Federal Heights and Adams County. Key programs include community “Know Your Rights” trainings on the rights of mobile home residents under Colorado’s Mobile Home Park Act, pro bono legal consultation and representation on matters related to landlord violations of the Mobile Home Park Act, eviction defense and direct referrals to community partners on non-legal social services. For more information, contact David Valleau, Esq., Colorado Poverty Law Project (Google Voice Number) – 719.581.9531

CO Poverty Law Project, CPLP, provides free legal services and “Know Your Rights” trainings to mobile home park residents. Call 719-581-9531 for more info



CITY OF FEDERAL HEIGHTS & ADAMS COUNTY RESIDENTS

OPENING A NEW BUSINESS?

Check out the *New Business Information Guide* at www.fedheights.org to find:

- Business License Applications
- Planning and Zoning Contacts
- Building Inspection and Fire Department information and checklists for new businesses

For any questions, contact Jeri Freiburger at 303-428-3526

EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT (EBB) PROGRAM

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is an FCC program to help families and households struggling to afford internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. This new benefit will connect eligible households to jobs, critical healthcare services, virtual classrooms and so much more.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household. A household is eligible if a member of the household meets one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, or Lifeline;
- Approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020 and the household had a total income in 2020 at or below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider’s existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

To apply, please visit www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit.



YOUTH AND MARIJUANA



HERE ARE SOME THINGS TO KNOW:

MARIJUANA USE BY COLORADO YOUTH

Four out of five high school students do not use marijuana.

- It is easier for youth to say no to peer pressure if they do not think “everyone” is doing it.
- In 2015, 21.2 percent of Colorado high school students used marijuana in the last 30 days.¹

Be sure to talk early and often with youth about the risks of using marijuana.

Of Colorado high school seniors who have used marijuana, more than **one out of three** started before age 15.²



YOUTH ARE AT SPECIAL RISK FOR HARM



Brain development is not complete until age 25. For the best chance to reach their full potential, youth should not use marijuana.



Youth who use marijuana regularly are more likely to have a **hard time learning**, **problems remembering** and **lower math and reading scores**.



Marijuana is addictive. It is harder to stop using marijuana if started at a young age.



Youth who start using marijuana, alcohol, or other drugs may be **more likely to continue using** later in life.



YOUTH AND MARIJUANA CONTINUED

CONSEQUENCES FOR YOUTH AND TALKING TIPS FOR ADULTS



It is illegal for youth under the age of 21 to purchase, possess or use retail marijuana.

There are serious consequences for youth

• Sports & Activities

If they're caught using retail marijuana, youth can be kicked off of their sports teams and other after school activities. They can also be suspended or expelled from school and/or referred to drug counseling.

• Financial Aid

Marijuana charges, including Minor in Possession (MIP) charges, can lead to loss of federal financial aid for college. This includes Perkins Loans, Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, PLUS Loans, and Work-Study Programs.

• Employment

Many employers don't allow their employees to use marijuana. This could mean losing a job. Losing a job also means losing a reference, which can make future jobs harder to get.

• Freedoms

- Getting caught with marijuana may mean getting charged with an MIP, which can involve fines, public service hours, misdemeanor/felony charges and even possible loss of driver's license.
- It can also cause a young adult to lose their parents' trust, resulting in the loss of privileges.

Talk to youth about marijuana to help them better understand the risks.

- Only about half of Colorado high school students think that regularly using marijuana is harmful.¹
- Listen carefully and stay positive. Keep the conversation open so youth can come to you with questions. Knowing they can ask questions helps youth make good choices.
 - Talking with youth about their dreams helps them feel more connected to caring adults.
- Keep your relationship strong. Let them know you're on their side. You want them to make the best decision for themselves.
 - Youth who think marijuana is risky are much less likely to use marijuana regularly.³

Visit goodtoknowcolorado.com for more information on retail marijuana laws and health risks.

Visit SpeakNowColorado.org for warning signs of high-risk behavior and useful talking tips to help youth make healthy choices.

Request a free Youth Bucket List Group Exercise to talk with youth about marijuana at goodtoknowcolorado.com/bucket-list

REFERENCES:

¹ Colorado Department of Education, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Colorado Department of Human Services - Office of Behavioral Health. Healthy Kids Colorado Survey: Marijuana Overview of 2015 HKCS data.

² Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Monitoring Health Concerns Related to Marijuana in Colorado: 2016. January 2017.

³ US Department of Health and Human Services. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2011 Data, Trends in Adolescent Substance Use and Perception of Risk from Substance Use.



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LOS JÓVENES Y LA MARIHUANA

8 de junio 2015

EL CONSUMO DE MARIHUANA EN LOS JÓVENES DE COLORADO



Cuatro de cada cinco estudiantes de escuela preparatoria no consumen marihuana.

En 2013, 19.7 por ciento de los estudiantes de escuela preparatoria de Colorado consumió marihuana en los últimos 30 días.¹



Empiece a hablar con los jóvenes desde pequeños y con frecuencia sobre los riesgos de consumir marihuana.

De los jóvenes que están cursando el último año de la preparatoria y que han consumido marihuana, más de **uno de cada tres** comenzó a consumirla antes de los 15 años de edad.²

Es más fácil que el joven no se deje influenciar por sus amigos si piensa que no todos están haciendo lo mismo.

LOS JÓVENES CORREN MÁS RIESGOS DE RESULTAR PERJUDICADOS



El cerebro no termina de desarrollarse hasta los 25 años de edad. Para cuidar el desarrollo cerebral, los jóvenes no deberían consumir marihuana.



Los jóvenes que consumen marihuana con regularidad tienen más probabilidades de sufrir **dificultades en el aprendizaje, tener problemas de memoria y obtener calificaciones bajas en matemáticas y lectura.**



La marihuana es adictiva. Es más difícil dejar de consumir marihuana si se comienza a una edad temprana.



Los jóvenes que consumen marihuana, incluso ocasionalmente, tienen **más probabilidades de consumir alcohol, tabaco y otras drogas en el futuro.**

CONSECUENCIAS PARA LOS JÓVENES

Es ilegal para toda persona menor de 21 años comprar, poseer o consumir marihuana de uso recreativo.

Hay graves consecuencias para los jóvenes. Por ejemplo:



Se violan las reglas de la familia y la comunidad: establezca normas claras para los jóvenes. Dígalos que sus hermanos y vecinos más pequeños los considerarán modelos a seguir, por lo que no deberían consumir marihuana.



Se violan las reglas de la escuela o las actividades extracurriculares: se los podrá someter a terapia para tratar el consumo de drogas, o podrán ser suspendidos, expulsados o acusados de violar la ley.



Se violan las leyes de Colorado: el menor puede ser acusado por posesión de sustancias prohibidas. Las consecuencias pueden incluir multas, servicio comunitario, clases de educación sobre abuso de sustancias, pérdida de la licencia de conducir y cargos por falta menor o delito grave.



Se violan las leyes federales: puesto que la marihuana no es legal en todos los estados, un joven acusado de posesión de marihuana podría no obtener ayuda financiera para pagar la universidad.

Visite bit.ly/MJ_EnEspanol para informarse sobre las leyes que regulan la marihuana de uso recreativo y los riesgos para la salud.

CONSEJOS SOBRE CÓMO HABLAR CON LOS JÓVENES Y AYUDARLES A ENTENDER MEJOR LOS RIESGOS

Solo la mitad aproximadamente de los estudiantes de escuela preparatoria de Colorado creen que el consumo regular de marihuana es perjudicial.¹

Escuche atentamente y mantenga una actitud positiva. Dígalos que pueden recurrir a usted si tienen preguntas. Saber que pueden hacer preguntas les ayudará a tomar mejores decisiones.

➔ *Hablar con los jóvenes acerca de sus sueños les ayuda a sentirse más conectados con adultos atentos y cariñosos.*

Sea sincero. Explíqueles que la manera de alcanzar sus metas es no meterse en problemas y dedicarse a estudiar.

➔ *Los jóvenes que entienden los riesgos de la marihuana tienen menos probabilidades de consumirla.³*

Visite hableahoracolorado.org para detectar posibles comportamientos de alto riesgo y consejos prácticos para hablar con los jóvenes y ayudarles a tomar decisiones sanas.

Referencias

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² Departamento de Salud Pública y Medio Ambiente de Colorado. Seguimiento de problemas de salud relacionados con la marihuana en Colorado, 2014. Enero de 2015.

³ Departamento de Salud y Servicios Sociales de EE. UU. Administración de Servicios de Salud Mental y Abuso de Sustancias. Encuesta nacional sobre consumo de drogas y salud, datos de 2011. Tendencias en el consumo de sustancias por parte de adolescentes y percepción de riesgos del consumo de sustancias.



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Via 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 303-444-3043 or visit viacolorado.org.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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| City Manager's Office | 303-412-3525 | Building Department | 303-412-3527 |
| City Clerk | 303-412-3536 | City Planner | 303-412-3530 |
| Fire Department | 303-412-3559 | Public Works | 303-412-3539 |
| Police Department | 303-428-8538 | Engineering | 303-412-3539 |
| Community Development | 303-412-3558 | Human Resources/Employment | 303-412-3520 |
| | | Municipal Court | 303-412-3538 |

ITEMS OF *interest*

NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Justin Woodall
Dispatcher

The City of Federal Heights is pleased to highlight these new employees who have started work since the last issue of the Focus was published. Please meet Justin Woodall, the City's newest Dispatcher and Zach Evans, the newest addition to the Public Works team.



Zach Evans
Public Works PW1

We are glad to have these new employees join the Federal Heights team. We wish them the best and extend our warmest welcome!

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 humanresources@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.