Adams County Connect organizes Adams County residents and communities through collaboration and engagement.
We understand there are a variety of communities throughout Colorado to call home; thank you for choosing Adams County. Adams County Board of County Commissioners believes in empowering residents because it’s their voices, culture, traditions, perspectives, and ideas that make up the rich fabric of the Adams County community.

Adams County spans approximately 1,200 square miles and our neighborhoods are as unique as our county’s landscape. From urban corridors to rolling, rural farmland, Adams County offers a variety of experiences for its residents. This guide has been created to help neighbors celebrate their neighborhoods in an effort to create a connected community that celebrates the fact that together “We Are Adams.”

Most Sincerely,

Your County Commissioners and County Manager
Adams County, Colorado
Did you know that Adams County Colorado is made up of eight cities, two towns, and unincorporated areas?
COMMUNITY GROUPS

A group of community members who come together to share ideas, organize, and work together to positively affect the neighborhood. Members can include residents, business owners, and local organizations within a neighborhood. By forming a neighborhood group, neighbors create a unified purpose around a common set of goals. These groups are open to both homeowners and renters who reside in the neighborhoods.

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP | A voluntary group of neighbors who act as one to preserve and improve their neighborhood. This group may choose to respond to concerns or provide input to county processes that provide benefits and improvement to their neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION | A neighborhood association is formalized by creating the following documents: mission, values, and by-laws. These groups often have a formalized leadership structure within the group and possibly accept dues to support community events.

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS (HOAs) | A non-voluntary group of homeowners who live by a set of bylaws and regulations. HOAs are often initially established by a developer to help maintain the quality of a neighborhood and pay for additional infrastructure improvements. These groups pay a monthly fee and usually meet regularly.

Visit our Community Map to learn more about our existing neighborhoods.

types of GROUPS

WANT MORE SUPPORT?

Contact a Community, Safety & Well-Being Coordinator

OFFICE | 720.523.6991

FUN FACT | Have a health-related question? Contact your Adams County Health Department.
Did you know Adams County’s Animal Shelter & Adoption Center’s adoptable pets go beyond just dogs and cats? Find your new pet today.
While there are many types of Community Groups, this checklist provides the most basic structure to help neighborhoods start their own groups. As groups develop, opportunities to create more established and more formal groups, such as a neighborhood association and even a non-profit, are possibilities. However, these formal processes are not necessary to become a recognized neighborhood group. Use the Neighborhood First Meeting Packet to guide your meeting. Utilize this packet to do the following:

- Create a collection of talents within the group. (Who is a social media guru? Who can blog or send out neighborhood letters? Who understands county codes?)
- Create general meet times and structure
- Create a contact list
- Create an idea list of some activities you would like to do

**NOTES:**

□ Before you apply for a Community Group orientation, visit our [Community Map](#) to find existing Community Groups.

□ If there is no Community Group in your area, sign up for a [Community Group Orientation](#).

□ Fill out your community group application.

□ Determine the boundaries of your community group.

□ Meet the neighbors and your broader community. Are there any neighborhood businesses or organizations that can also be part of your group?
**COMMUNITY GROUP INFORMATION**

As you conduct your first meeting, take the time to identify the following group specifics.

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**GROUP ACTIVITIES**

- Neighborhood Clean-Ups
- Neighborhood Watch
- Health/Fitness Group
- Arts/Cultural Food Festival
- Community Resource Fair
- Farmers Market
- Sustainability Activities
- Community Gardens
- Civic Engagement (attend city council meetings, open forums, or voting caucus)

Other

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**WANT MORE SUPPORT?**

Get in touch with a CSWB Coordinator: OFFICE | **720.523.6991**

**FUN FACT** | If you’re in the market to buy a home, or you own a home and want to learn more about home values, sale history, tax district, school district, and mill levy’s, do a search on our website.
your community group

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**OUR MISSION** | *Adams County Connect organizes Adams County residents and communities through collaboration and engagement.*

**Inclusivity**
We welcome all neighbors of all ages, abilities, cultures, and ethnicities.

**Understanding**
We work together to understand challenges and celebrate our differences.

**Connected**
We work to create events that bring us together.

**Informed**
We are informed about our county and how we can be involved to make living here even better.

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**Fun Fact** | *If you need a building permit, you can apply for one online at our website.*
YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP

COMMUNITY GROUP ASSESSMENT

Take time as a group to discuss your neighborhood. What do you love about it? What are some things you would like to see change? Use this sheet to guide your discussions.

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TOP 3 THINGS YOU WOULD LOVE TO SEE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:
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TOP 3 THINGS YOU DO NOT WANT TO SEE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:
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*Please send in a copy with your registration form as a group.

Adams County offers a Minor Home Repair Program. It provides grant assistance to income-eligible residents to make necessary repairs to their home.
There are five Neighborhood Council Districts in Adams County. There can be any number of neighborhood groups within neighborhood council districts. Neighborhood groups determine who is part of the Neighborhood Council by electing or appointing a representative and alternate from their group to become part of the Neighborhood Council. Each neighborhood council oversees a community fund to allocate funding for neighborhood initiatives.

**OUR FIVE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DISTRICTS**

- Commissioner Eva J. Henry, District 1
- Commissioner Charles “Chaz” Tedesco, District 2
- Commissioner Emma Pinter, District 3
- Commissioner Steve O’Dorisio, District 4
- Commissioner Lynn Baca, District 5

**FUN FACT** | There are 44 water sanitation districts in unincorporated Adams County.
INFORMATIONAL IDEAS

CRIME PREVENTION
Invite an Adams County Sheriff Neighborhood Deputy to discuss crime prevention. Learn what to report and how to report it. Work together with neighbors to utilize technology to keep your neighborhood crime free!

DOG OWNERS WORKSHOP
Got a barking dog? A dog that digs in your back yard? Invite local experts to your next virtual meeting to provide tips and tricks to help owners and pets be good neighbors. Also, learn about local pet ordinances to ensure that you and your pet are complying. Facebook Live this event to reach even more neighbors! Contact Animal Management at cswb@adcogov.org for more information.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
Invite local experts to talk about how to make an emergency preparedness plan for you, your family, and your community. Obtain information and resources concerning disaster preparation, response, and recovery to include FEMA assistance grants and programs designed to aid victims of disaster events.

FIRE SAFETY
Invite an outreach staff member from your local fire district to come talk about fire prevention. Learn how to keep your family safe and how to plan for a fire emergency.
**FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS**

Who wouldn’t mind some extra cash in the bank? Learn about some savvy ways to boost your savings accounts. Invite a financial advisor to come talk to your group.

**GOING GREEN**

Do you have a neighbor with an amazing garden, another who is a composter, someone with an amazing yard or lawn? Bring your experts together for a neighborhood forum on ways to be green. Challenge each other to adopt new ways of being green.

**GARDEN WORKSHOP**

Invite the Adams County Master Gardeners to come talk to your neighborhood about gardens. Learn about what grows best in your area, when to plant, and more!

**IDENTITY SECURITY**

Invite local experts to come talk about how to ensure your personal information stays safe in this digital age.

**CODE COMPLIANCE**

Have questions about storing vehicles, adding structures, or mitigating weeds? Invite a Code Compliance expert to talk to your neighborhood about local standards and regulations.

**INTERNET SAFETY FOR KIDS**

Invite an expert to teach parents/guardians/grandparents about how to keep kids and teens safe while utilizing technology. Learn about the latest apps, technology, and more to make sure your children and teens are safe.

**SUSTAINABLE LIVING**

Learn how to live more sustainably. Invite local experts who can help homeowners create energy and water audits as well as provide more ideas to cut costs on utility bills and help the planet!

**TAX WORKSHOP**

Did you know that local high schools and community colleges have students who can help with taxes? Ask students to provide a virtual workshop helping the neighborhood with their taxes and understanding new tax codes.

**LAWN WEEDS WORKSHOP**

Invite the CSU Extension team to come talk to your neighborhood about getting rid of those weeds!

Don’t have a green thumb? Want a green but sustainable yard? Invite local experts to host a Yard 101 workshop in your neighborhood.
Did you know that the Adams County Sheriff’s Office offers a variety of resident programs and volunteer opportunities? Explore their outreach events and volunteer opportunities.
BLOCK PARTY IDEAS

The Block Party Trailer is a complimentary program for unincorporated Adams County residents intended to build and strengthen neighborhoods. The program is administered by the Neighborhood Services division in the Community Safety and Well-Being Department on a first come, first served basis.

The Block Party Trailer includes items such as barricades, sporting goods, coolers, tables/chairs, and a sound system. If you are interested in reserving the trailer, visit adcogov.org/block-party.

BUBBLE DAYS

Who doesn’t love bubbles? Bring out the kids and the kid in you to an event filled with bubble fun! Check out this website for the ultimate homemade bubble recipe and encourage the neighborhood to create the ultimate bubble makers using recycled materials! Maybe even have a prize for the most creative bubble creator!

BLOCK PARTY RULES

Please follow all applicable county ordinances and HOA rules when hosting a block party.

FUN FACT | Want to learn more about what development is occurring in the county? Check out the Planning Commission activities.
**FARMERS MARKET**
Adams County is home to a great many nurseries and farms. Bring one or two out to your neighborhood! This is a great way to promote healthy living and savor local produce!

**CHALK ART WALK**
Fun for all ages. Utilize your sidewalks and turn it into an art gallery. You can even find judges to name winners in various age groups!

**OUTDOOR CLOTHING SWAP**
Just like the Book Swap, this event does it all and supports neighbors, the environment, and the community! You can theme your events and focus on kids clothes, work clothes, summer clothes, winter clothes, or just bring it all out! Bring some clothes take some clothes. Leftover clothes can be donated to the charity of the neighborhood’s choice!

**OUTDOOR MOVIES**
Coordinate a movie night in your community park! There are many types of inflatable or mobile movie screen for rent or purchase.

**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS TOUR AND CONTEST**
Celebrate your neighborhood during the holiday season. Set a date that lets participating neighbors know when to have their decorations up. Host a walking tour that ends with voting and hot chocolate! This is also an event that can have an online voting component.

**SPRING SPRUCE UP**
Host a neighborhood-wide, clean-up event! Clean up trash around the sidewalks and common areas. Engage youth to help cut neighbors’ lawns and pull weeds. Work together to make your neighborhood shine. Residents can also apply to utilize our complimentary tool shed. Visit [adcogov.org/tool-shed](http://adcogov.org/tool-shed) for more information.

**WALKING GROUP**
Create a walking group that gets together to walk the neighborhood! This activity can promote a healthy lifestyle, neighborly bonding, and may help with crime prevention.

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**Fun Fact**
Want to check out code enforcement activity, issued building permits, or ongoing development is happening in your area? We have the [Eye on Adams Map](http://adcogov.org/eye-on-adams-map) for that.
connect with your county

ADAMS COUNTY RESOURCES

911 Cell Phone Registration
Have you switched to a cell phone and no longer have a land line? Register your cell phone to better utilize Adams County’s 911 and reverse 911 systems.

E-Permit Center
Apply for permits online.

Eye on Adams
This interactive map allows you to find real-time and historical information for the following:

LAND USE | Look at area information around new development cases in your neighborhood. See if a new building, cell tower, or development is being planned.

BUILDING PERMITS | See what permits are being requested or have been granted in your neighborhood.

CODE COMPLIANCE | Research what violations and actions are being done in your neighborhood to ensure everyone is in compliance with county regulations.

Graffiti Removal
Help us keep our county beautiful. Report graffiti and have it removed for free!

NextDoor
NextDoor is an app that lets you connect with your neighbors and a variety of local services including Adams County, Adams County Sheriff, Adams County Clerk & Recorder, and Adams County Fire.

Non-Emergency Line
303.288.1535
communityconnections@adcogov.org

Oil and Gas Information
Learn more about oil and gas activity in the county.

SeeClickFix
Adams County uses SeeClickFix to report issues such as property cleanup, potholes, graffiti, and more. Please report issues directly to the county at adcogov.org/report-issue or download the SeeClickFix app for your iphone or Android device.

Town Halls
Come chat with the Board of County Commissioners and County Staff. They are hosted yearly around the county and there are forums for residents and local businesses. You can even submit a question online!
ARVADA | arvada.org
The City of Arvada offers a variety of resources for neighbors looking to connect. Their Healthy Places Initiatives look to make the neighborhood a healthy place to live. Also, Neighborhood Connected offers residents all the necessary information to create a neighborhood group and additional resources.

AURORA | auroragov.org
The City of Aurora has a Resident Page that is full of information regarding neighborhoods. The city also has grant opportunities for residents to fund block parties, neighborhood beautification, and more! Their page will also link residents to Neighborhood Liaisons.

BENNETT | townofbennett.colorado.gov
The Town of Bennett has a Community Partner’s Page that links its residents to local organizations, resources, transportation, and community events.

BRIGHTON | brightonco.gov
The City of Brighton offers a Community Page with links to local events, resources, transportation, and more. There is also a Resource Page.

COMMERCE CITY | c3gov.com
Commerce City provides a Resident Page that highlights local neighborhood projects, events, recreation, latest survey results, local business resources, transportation information, public safety, opportunities for engagement, and more.
FEDERAL HEIGHTS | fedheights.org
The City of Federal Heights has a Residents Page that provides neighborhood information, community resources, school information, recreation information, and upcoming city events.

LOCHBUIE | lochbuie.org
The Town of Lochbuie has a Community Voice Page that allows residents to suggest ideas, provide input on community initiatives, and request information on current events. There is also a Town Newsletter that keeps residents informed of events, resources, and other useful information.

NORTHGLENN | northglenn.org
The City of Northglenn has a one-stop-shop Residents Page with information about the services available to city residents as well as general information about community events.

THORNTON | thorntonco.gov
The City of Thornton has a Community Connections Page that links to resources available to residents, highlights city events, and provides links to additional resident city services.

WESTMINSTER | cityofwestminster.us
At the City of Westminster, everything a resident needs is located on one page. The Residents Page highlights city services, events, maps, resources, and even additional supportive services for new residents.
**FUN FACT** | The Adams County Fair is an annual, family-friendly event offering fun rides, 4-H activities, great performances, tasty food, and more. It should not be missed.
**RIVERDALE REGIONAL PARK**  
**9755 HENDERSON RD., BRIGHTON**  
Riverdale Regional Park is the crown jewel of Adams County, with lakes, trails, open parks, and a rambling creek running through it. Come here to fish, play disc golf or the original, have a picnic, ride bikes, or watch the July 3rd annual fireworks show. Keep your eyes open for art on the trails, concerts, and visit our veterans memorial.

**THE MAGNOLIA STREET ART CENTER**  
**6600 E. 74TH AVE., COMMERCE CITY**  
The Magnolia Street Art Center in Derby is a co-working space for local artists, with about a dozen spaces hosting artists working in a variety of media. This innovative space is an inspiring nod to the homegrown arts in Adams County!

**THE BRIGHTON ARMORY**  
**300 STRONG ST., BRIGHTON**  
The Brighton Armory is a local treasure right here in our county seat. What was once headquarters for Company K, the 157th Infantry of the Colorado National Guard, is now a restored landmark that hosts concerts, theater, and visual art shows. The sound is incredible, the talent top notch, and the vibes are so great!

**HISTORIC BROMLEY FARM**  
**1594 E. BROMLEY LN., BRIGHTON**  
Adams County pride is in its farms, but have you heard about an innovative look at agriculture, called art & ag? With a focus on local food and artisan goods, Historic Bromley Farm hosts soap-making and herb-infused oils classes, along with field-to-table cooking classes and other events throughout the year!
Adams County is named after Alva Adams, a former governor of Colorado who served three terms: 1887-1889, 1897-1899, and 1905. Learn more about our rich history.

RTD LIGHTRAIL STATIONS

PECOS JUNCTION STATION – 62ND and N. WASHINGTON, DENVER
CLEAR CREEK/FEDERAL STATION – 5800 FEDERAL BLVD., DENVER
WESTMINSTER STATION – 6995 GROVE ST., WESTMINSTER

RTD light rail stations are always great places to spot artwork. Adams County is home to the Bimmer Torres mural at Pecos Junction Station, the collaborative piece by Bimmer Torres and Addison Carl at Clear Creek/Federal Station, and a Pat Milbury at the Westminster Station.

COMMERCe CITY

4540 GRAPE ST., DENVER

Head to Commerce City to check out the mural by Thomas Evans, aka Detour. This piece is a testament to our artist community and adds beauty to a traffic corridor through the city.

THE BISON RIDGE RECREATION CENTER

13905 E. 112TH AVE., COMMERCE CITY

The Bison Ridge Recreation Center in Commerce City is home to several pieces of public art — giant grazing metal buffalos and massive inspiring roundabout sculptures to name a couple.

CLEAR CREEK TRAIL

NEAR PECOS and 64TH

The Clear Creek trail near Pecos and 64th is home to an art installation made of tiles created by students from the Guardian Angels School.
ADAMS COUNTY COMMUNITY BOARDS

✓ ADAMS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
✓ ADAMS COUNTY LIQUOR AND MARIJUANA LICENSING AUTHORITY
✓ ADAMS COUNTY VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
✓ BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
✓ BOARD OF FIRE CODE APPEALS
✓ BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS
✓ CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL
✓ COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD
✓ COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
✓ COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COUNCIL
✓ CULTURAL COUNCIL
✓ DISTRICT PLAN COMMISSION
✓ E-911 AUTHORITY
✓ FAIR ADVISORY BOARD
✓ FAMILY PRESERVATION COMMISSION
✓ HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL
✓ LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
✓ MAIKER HOUSING PARTNERS
✓ METROPOLITAN FOOTBALL STADIUM DISTRICT
✓ NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL HAZARDS BOARD
✓ OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD
✓ PLANNING COMMISSION
✓ REGIONAL EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
✓ RETIREMENT BOARD
✓ SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT
✓ VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION

LEARN MORE AND APPLY Visit the County’s website
Did you know that Adams County has ten fire districts?
meet your
COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

303.288.1535 Animal Management
adcogov.org/animal-management

720.523.6993 Neighborhood Parking Program
adcogov.org/neighborhood-parking-program

COUNTY MANAGER’S OFFICE
720.523.6829 General Information
adcogov.org/county-manager

720.523.6828 Legislative Liaison

HUMAN SERVICES
720.523.2000 General Information
adcogov.org/humanservices

ASSESSORS OFFICE
720.523.6038 General Information
adcogov.org/assessor

TREASURER & PUBLIC TRUSTEE
720.523.6160 General Information
adcogov.org/treasurer

PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL ARTS

303.637.8000 General Information
adcogov.org/parks

720.523.6846 Cultural Arts Liaison
adcogov.org/arts-culture

PUBLIC WORKS
720.523.6875 General Information
adcogov.org/public-works

WORKFORCE & BUSINESS CENTER
720.523.2400 General Information
adcogov.org/WBC

FUN FACT | With over 2,000 employees working for you in Adam County, ever wonder how they are serving you? Check out your county’s organizational structure and departments.