February 20, 2018 Town Hall: Neighborhood Snapshot Report

Northeast Neighborhoods: Washington Street to Yosemite Street, 136th Avenue to 168th Avenue

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Area Snapshot

The Northeast Town Hall area encompasses the communities between Washington Street to Yosemite Street, 136th Avenue to 168th Avenue. This community shares a boundary with Broomfield County and the City of Thornton. This area has experienced a lot of recent development. What was primarily a highly agricultural area is becoming a highly residential area with both industry and retail businesses along the I-25 corridor. This area will soon be home to a new Amazon facility and is the proud recipient of a state-of-the-art hospital located off the I-25 corridor and 144th Avenue. Current development highlights include innovative mixed use developments that supports, business, retail, commercial, and housing.
This report was generated by the Adams County Sheriff’s Office My Neighborhood Update tool. The main issue in this area seems to be proactive policing followed by, traffic and disorder.

It is important to note that “Proactive Policing” includes matters in which officers initiated or followed up on various calls. “Disorder” includes matters such as: abandoned vehicles, shots fired, suspicious incidents, disturbances, disorderly conduct, and animal issues.
Northeast Area Demographics

Town Hall Area  Adams County

Population

Gender Population in Area

Mean Resident Age

High School Diploma

Property Value

Educational Information

Avg. Household Income

Bachelors Degree or Higher

Avg. Commute Time

Reference: GIS Demographics Data and DataUSA website.

49%  51%

97%  81%

52.4%  21.6%
Northeast Area Ethnicity Demographics

Reference: DataUSA website.
Neighborhood Snapshots

New business development snapshot on 144th and Orchard Parkway

Mixed Use Housing and Commercial Development on 148th Street near Orchards Town Mall
Commercial and Residential Development on 168th and Washington Street.

Open Space and Agricultural Homes and Land on East 136th Avenue
Community and Economic Development

Top Trends in Town Hall Area

- Retail and Restaurant Development
- Oil and Gas Activity
- New Residential Development in Cities within Town Hall Area.
- One transit corridor plan, TOD & Rail Station Area, and two County-wide plans, the proposed Balanced Housing Plan and existing Comprehensive Plan have implications in this area.

Applicable Plans

[Map of Town Hall Area with highlighted areas for TOD, Rail Station, Balanced Housing, and Comprehensive Plan]
Impact

As shown in the Applicable Plans map, the area incorporates one corridor plan, TOD & Rail Station Area Planning Guidelines, and two county-wide plans, Comprehensive Plan and Balanced Housing Plan. There is also an adjacent subarea plan, Riverdale Road Corridor Plan, which doesn’t directly affect the Town Hall area, but is in close proximity and only mentioned herein as a reference.

TOD & Rail Station Area Planning Guidelines

The Comprehensive Plan is an existing County-wide plan, which has implications over this area. This plan maps future land uses in this area. See map on page 8.

Comprehensive Plan (click link for guidelines)
Link: http://www.adcogov.org/documents/2012-comprehensive-plan

The Balanced Housing Plan, also County-wide, is under currently consideration by the BOCC. The implications of this plan do not require any specific capital improvements. The purpose of the plan is to ensure that growth and development in Adams County occur in an efficient and coordinated manner. It will embody a responsible means to plan for growth by creating policies that address the balance between jobs and housing while encouraging the production and preservation of housing that matches Adams County’s changing demographics. The Plan will also provide strategies to maximize existing County resources and tap into new ones.

Balanced Housing Plan
Link: http://www.adcogov.org/documents/balanced-housing-plan

There is probably not any short term impact of these plans; planning timelines are generally 30-40 years. The impact of these plans is to current policies, procedures and regulations. Future development that these plans influence could impact the area as a long term result, especially along the transit corridor.

Want to learn more about Community and Economic Development? Go to:
http://www.adcogov.org/community-economic-development
Code Enforcement

The Town Hall area has a mix of new and established agricultural communities. The Eye on Adams report highlights that in the past year, there have been approximately 20 code violations in the area. There are currently 7 active cases in the area. The most common code enforcement issues in this area were improper soil storage, weeds, and improper vehicle storage. There were also some specialized enforcements ensuring that home builders reduced noise in early morning hours and that farmers disposed of diseased animals properly.

Eye on Adams Map: Green dots are completed/issued permits, blue are received permits. Map depicts a snapshot of building permits issued in the past year.

Need to contact Adams County Neighborhood Services? Got to: https://www.adcogov.org/neighborhood-services
Building Permit Information

The Eye on Adams report finds that the County has issued approximately 60 building permits in the Town Hall area within the past year. The most common permits issued were home improvement permits for roofs or additions to homes such as garages, pole barns, and fences. There are also several concluded permits created for new single family residences and the addition of solar power hardware to roofs. There are no significant building permits in this area to report at this time. Most of the new construction activity in this area is within the City of Westminster, City and County of Broomfield’s, and City of Thornton jurisdictions. New home construction continues in Eagle Shadow and Todd Creek.

Eye on Adams Map: Green dots are completed/issued permits, blue are received permits. Map depicts a snapshot of building permits issued in the past year.

Need a building permit? You can apply online.
Got to: https://permits.adcogov.org/citizenaccess/
Land Use Cases

Over the last year there have been approximately 20 land use cases in the Town Hall area. The blue dots on the map show cases that are currently under review and the green dots highlight completed land use cases. The most common land use cases in this area are subdivision plat approvals for land owners dividing land for additional housing, preliminary larger housing development requests, conditional use permits for telecommunication towers, business expansions and infrastructure improvements.

Need Adams County land use information? Visit our current land use page: https://www.adcogov.org/planning/currentcases

Visit us today as we are often seeking public comment on land use cases.

You can use the Eye on Adams! It’s located on our website! Got to: www.adcogov.org and under How Do I? Click on, View County Maps. There you will find the Eye on Adams tool that will help you see what building, code, and even planning activities are going on in your area!
There is substantial oil and gas activity within the Town Hall area. This map, provided by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission shows the current active oil and gas wells within and around the Town Hall Area.

The Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Map demonstrates that there are three newly approved well sights and three pending well sites within the area. There are additional pending well sights just outside the Town Hall Area. Overall there are approximately 60 current well sites in the Town Hall Area. To learn more about county-wide regulation contact Christine Daughtry the County’s Oil and Gas Liaison for more information: (720) 523-6891 or go to: http://www.adcogov.org/oil-and-gas-information
Additional Oil and Gas Updates

Oil and gas facility permitting at the State level is heavy in this area. The County issued three permits in this area in 2017 (see attached map with pipeline network and these three facilities):

Two facilities were constructed in the past several months:

- B-Farms (Great Western Oil & Gas) – Southeast of Highway 7 and Colorado Boulevard
  - 36 wells permitted for this location
  - Connected to pipeline
- Ocho (Great Western Oil & Gas) – Southwest of Highway 7 and Monaco Street
  - 32 wells permitted for this location
  - Connected to pipeline

One facility has been issued a County permit, but it has not yet been constructed:

- Ivey (Ward Petroleum) – Northwest of East 152nd Parkway and York Street
  - 26 wells permitted for this location
  - Will connect to pipeline
  - To begin construction in June 2018

The Adams County Oil and Gas Inspector, Adam Kraich, has performed inspections on all of the wells in unincorporated Adams County west of Powhawton. He is now focusing on inspecting the remaining wells in the County, while ensuring that the wells in neighborhoods are inspected annually. The COGCC requires a well to be inspected once every three years. Adam also regularly visits the actively drilling well pads in the County and follows up on any complaints received in the unincorporated areas.

County-wide – A Well Water Testing Program (pilot project) has been approved by the BOCC to provide free well water testing for any registered water well within ½ mile of an oil and gas well. Tri-County Health will be administering the program on behalf of the County.

Want more information? Go to:
http://cogcc.state.co.us/maps.html#/gisonline
http://www.adcogov.org/oil-and-gas-information

The county updates its page weekly with an oil and gas report prepared by the county’s oil and gas liaison.
Retail Marijuana Information

Adams County retail marijuana regulation currently caps marijuana retail facilities at 10 businesses. This includes marijuana infused product manufacturers (MIPS), retail marijuana stores, retail cultivation facilities, and retail marijuana testing facilities. There are no marijuana facilities in the Town Hall Area.

Need Adams County Retail Marijuana Information? Visit us at:
https://www.adcogov.org/marijuana-land-use-regulations
https://www.adcogov.org/marijuana-licensing
Parks and Open Space Information

Top Improvements, Projects, and Programs

Regional Park and Fairgrounds Master Plan Update:

The master plan was updated to take a current look at facilities needed in the future. The plan suggests moving toward a new site layout that will be beneficial for both year round events and for the Adams County Fair. The park area between 120th Avenue and 124th Avenue will be developed with the main entry point for the Regional Park moving to 120th Avenue, additional recreational amenities, lakes, a new Animal Shelter, and a cultural amenity.

Willow Bay Open Space:

In 2017, Adams County purchased the Willow Bay property north of E-470 and west of Brighton Road. The 162-acre property has a 100-acre lake that is envisioned for non-motorized water recreation and fishing. Other anticipated uses include hiking, birding, wildlife watching, and picnicking. A master planning process for the Willow Bay Open Space is planned in 2018. The public will be invited to participate in the creation of the master plan, which determines future uses of the property and creates a conceptual design to be used for the creation of construction documents.

Other area open space acquisitions:

In 2017, we purchased a conservation easement on the 30-acre Littlefield property, which is located between the Regional Park and E-470. This property will be preserved in agricultural use in perpetuity, which contributes to the rural character of the Riverdale Road corridor and allows for wildlife migration corridors to remain intact. In 2018, we are working to purchase the Falcon Resources property, which is the last remaining property to be conserved between the Regional Park and E-470. The Falcon Resources property has frontage along the South Platte River, so purchase of the property will ensure the protection of riparian habitat, wildlife habitat, and wildlife migration corridors.
Adams County Fair:

Adams County Fair 2017 had over 74,000 people in attendance, which is a slight growth over 2016, despite two nights of thunderstorms. The headliners, Dan & Shay, were a huge hit and have been fun to watch since the Fair as they have taken off in their careers. The Fair’s goal to bring in new, up-and-coming artists was achieved and we were all impressed with the energy their show brought to the Fair. Dia de la Familia set records in 2017 bringing over 27,000 attendees to the fair on Sunday. The Charreada and Los Cardenales de Nuevo Leon brought over 5,200 fans to the grandstands.

- 4-H reported growth in several areas including poultry and sheep. They also sold just slightly more animals than in 2016 resulting in a higher sale total for the kids.
- During the fall, Fair staff were busy attending conferences to book ground entertainment, learn more about the industry, and even win a few awards for marketing and communications.
- Kids Pedal Tractors will be returning, along with the entire kid’s zone. The biggest addition coming this August will be Mutton Bustin’ all 5 days! If your kid missed their chance at the National Western, bring them to the Fair and they will get the same chance to win great prizes for the longest ride!
- Grandstand entertainment will be announced as we get closer to the Fair. This year’s lineup is going to be #unfairgettable. (Our 2018 theme)
- Following us on Facebook and Instagram is the best way to stay up to date about our news and information.
- On Facebook - Adams County Fair and Regional Park Complex, On Instagram - adamscountyfair

Anticipated Impact of Improvements

Regional Park and Fairgrounds Master Plan:
The improvements suggested in the master plan are likely to have some impacts as implementation occurs. Overall, the impact is anticipated to be a positive one that creates more desirable improvements at the Regional Park and Fairgrounds. As each component is implemented, negative impacts are likely in terms of traffic, parking, building availability, and noise. Once completed, positive impacts are anticipated in terms of usability, ease of access, additional parking availability, and overall condition of the buildings and site.

Willow Bay Open Space:
The planning process will not have any physical effects. The development of the property (after the planning process) will likely impact adjacent property owners in terms of noise and less privacy than they currently enjoy. We plan to address long-term concerns of all interested parties in the design of the property.

Other area open space acquisitions:
No negative impacts are anticipated from these acquisitions. Positive impacts include continued rural character along Riverdale Road and the South Platte River, wildlife habitat, wildlife migration corridors, riparian habitat, and floodplain and floodway protection.

Adams County Fair:
Short term impacts of the Adams County Fair include heavy traffic along Highway 85, 124th Avenue, Brighton Road, and Riverdale Road from August 1 – August 5. Close neighbors may hear noise from concerts and events. The public has an opportunity to learn more about agriculture by attending the Adams County Fair, as well as enjoy the wide variety of food/entertainment options offered.

Future Plans for This Area

The Open Space, Parks, and Trails Master Plan places a priority on the protection of land along Big Dry Creek and, to a lesser extent, along the South Platte River. With respect to trails, the plan calls for a continuous trail to be developed along Big Dry Creek and for the South Platte River Trail to be continuous from the Regional Park and Fairgrounds north to Veterans Park in Brighton.

The Regional Park and Fairgrounds Master Plan (not yet adopted) suggests major improvements to the facilities to better meet the needs of current clients and attract new clients. The major facilities are proposed to be moved to a new configuration as buildings reach the end of their useful life. The grandstands, arenas, and stalling facilities would be configured to maximize safety when moving animals for events. A new expo building would be constructed to create a flexible space for a variety of events. Parking would be formalized and expanded on site, with long-term shuttle plans also in place for the Adams County Fair. New recreational opportunities are proposed that will provide different options than currently available including a ropes course, a pollinator garden, a nature center, an adventure playground, water recreation, and a bike course. Other planned additions to the site include a new animal shelter and a cultural amenity, and additional trails.

Community Trends

The biggest trend we have seen is one of increased numbers of homeless individuals living on public lands. The challenges associated with this activity include large amounts of trash and debris accumulating in natural areas as well as potentially unsafe conditions due to human excrement or used needles. Residents do not want camps in public areas and expect the trash and debris to be cleaned on a routine basis.

Need Adams County Parks and Open Space Information? Visit us at: https://www.adcogov.org/parks-open-space
Public Works Information

Top Improvements, Projects, and Programs

- Mill and overlay on Colorado Blvd from 144\textsuperscript{th} Avenue north to 168\textsuperscript{th} Avenue.
- Mill and overlay on 136\textsuperscript{th} Avenue and Boston Ct north of 136\textsuperscript{th} Avenue
  Successfully completed Paving of Holly from 152\textsuperscript{nd} Avenue to SH 7. Street Paving Program has re-paved about 50\% of road in this area.
- Working with CDOT and German Ditch to reduce water flowing along Colorado Blvd to SH 7.

Adams County Public Works continues to monitor road conditions and will complete any necessary improvements as they carry out their current transportation plan. You can learn about current road enhancements, the process of these projects, and about the County’s transportation plan at: [http://www.adcogov.org/capital-improvement-program-cip-projects](http://www.adcogov.org/capital-improvement-program-cip-projects)

Should any issues arise the citizens are encouraged to utilize the YourGov app and provide information of any road issues.

Anticipated Impact of Improvements

Higher quality roads and increased safety for residents traveling along:

- Mill and overlay on Colorado Blvd from 144\textsuperscript{th} Avenue north to 168\textsuperscript{th} Avenue.
- Mill and overlay on 136\textsuperscript{th} Avenue and Boston Ct north of 136\textsuperscript{th} Avenue

While improvements are being completed expect short term road closures and delays in area.

Community Trends

Residents want new pavement in the areas that have not been addressed yet. Also residents near York Street would like to have gravel road paved from 165\textsuperscript{th} Avenue to 168\textsuperscript{th} Avenue.

Need Adams County Public Works Information? Visit us at: [http://www.adcogov.org/public-works](http://www.adcogov.org/public-works)

Learn about the Gravel Resurfacing Projects that are scheduled here: [http://www.adcogov.org/gravel-road-resurfacing-program](http://www.adcogov.org/gravel-road-resurfacing-program)
Animal Shelter/Adoptions

Top Projects that Impact Town Hall Area

- New Adams County Animal Shelter and Public Dog Park “In Progress” (To serve all Adams County Residents) While it is not located in the Northeast Corridor, the new Adams County Animal Shelter/Adoption Center, will be opening in late 2019 or early 2020 and will be closer residents living in this area.
  
  1. Map of Future Location, Renderings, “Frequently Asked Questions” can be found at: [http://www.adcogov.org/acasnewlocation](http://www.adcogov.org/acasnewlocation) (website will up continually updated as the project unfolds.)
  
  Questions to animal-shelter@adcogov.org
  
  The animal shelter is also getting a new website, which will launch in February or March of 2018

- Public Low-Cost Vaccination and Microchip Clinic offered two Wednesdays a month at the shelter.
  
  - Spanish speaking staff onsite at every clinic.
  
  - Clinic Schedule is posted in the animal shelter section of the [www.adcogov.org](http://www.adcogov.org) 
  
  [http://www.adcogov.org/sites/default/files/LowCostVaccineClinic_Poster_Jan-Feb_2018_PRINT_v4.pdf](http://www.adcogov.org/sites/default/files/LowCostVaccineClinic_Poster_Jan-Feb_2018_PRINT_v4.pdf)

- Volunteer Opportunities at the Animal Shelter
  
  - General Volunteer Info: [http://www.adcogov.org/volunteer-program](http://www.adcogov.org/volunteer-program)
  
  - Foster Volunteers (in-home care): [http://www.adcogov.org/sites/default/files/Foster%20Care.jpg](http://www.adcogov.org/sites/default/files/Foster%20Care.jpg)
  
  - Must be 16 years old. (Younger children can assist adult foster volunteers in home.)
  
  - 6 Month Commitment Required

Impact of Projects

2016 Total Animal Served = * 7,115* (5,683 sheltered + 1,432 attended vaccination clinics)

2017 Total Animal Served= Data totals pending
Also In 2017:

- 2,355 Animals Adopted
- 1,500 Lost Animals Returned Home
- 1,590 Animals Spay/Neutered
- **Increased Save Rate of animals.** Of all the 5,300+ animals sheltered in 2017, more than 89% were saved—meaning they were either adopted, returned home, sent to rescue or transferred to another shelter.
- More than 300 volunteers gave more than 17,000 service hours to the shelter
- New, more user friendly website on the way in Feb-March 2018

**Community Trends**

- We are still seeing wildlife test positive for rabies along the Front Range. We strongly encourage pet owners to get their dogs and cats vaccinated at a local veterinary office or at one of the shelter’s low-cost vaccination clinics.
- About 2/3 of all animals that enter the Adams County Animal Shelter come in as lost pets. We encourage pet owners to have their pets spayed and neutered to decrease their urge to roam, to have their pets wear a collar with a visible ID tag, as well as to have a microchip. Pet owners living in Unincorporated Adams County must obtain a dog license each year—free if your pet is spayed or neutered.
- Adams County animal shelter offers microchips, vaccinations, dog licensing for unincorporated Adams County residents, and referrals for getting your pets spayed or neutered.
Additional Community Information

Cities Served:

- The Adams County Animal Shelter regularly provides impounding for the Cities of Commerce City, Federal Heights, Northglenn, and Thornton and the Towns of Bennett and Lochbuie.
- The Adams County Animal Shelter is also providing temporary services for the City of Brighton time while their current shelter is closed due to construction in the area.

Animal Control Support:

- Many citizens contact the Adams County Animal Shelter seeking animal control support for various situations in their neighborhoods. However, the animal shelter and animal control are separate services. Below is a list of animal control numbers

Animal Control Numbers

- Town of Bennett 303.644.3249
- Commerce City and Northglenn 303.288.1535
- Federal Heights 303.428.8539
- Lochbuie 303.659.1395
- Thornton 720.977.5150
- Unincorporated Adams County 720.523.6777; after hours 303.288.1535
Online Resident Services

Eye on Adams
Ability to look up any building permit, land use case, or code compliance case
Link: https://adamscounty.buildingeye.com/building

E-Permit Center
Launched in early 2017 and allows the submission and tracking of building permits online
Link: https://permits.adcogov.org/citizenaccess/

Oil and Gas Information
Weekly report uploaded here each Friday on oil and gas activity and spill report
Link: http://www.adcogov.org/oil-and-gas-information

Adams County Sheriff App
Connect directly with the Sheriff on non-emergency issues 24/7. Get download link on Sheriff site. Link: http://www.adamssheriff.org/

Adams County Front Range Airport
Connect directly with updates on the Adams County Front Range Airport.
Link: http://www.ftg-airport.com/

Graffiti Removal
Report and schedule free graffiti removal.
Link: http://www.adcogov.org/graffiti-removal

Roads, Bridges, and Traffic
Additional information on how to contact the County in regards to infrastructure and roads.
Link: http://www.adcogov.org/contact-reporting-information

Nextdoor
Connect with your neighbors and community.
Link: Available on iTunes or Google play
Adams County Contact Information

Community and Economic Development
Development Review 720.523.6200
Oil and Gas 720.523.6891
Neighborhood Services 720.523.6877
Building Permits 720.523.6825
Code Enforcement 720.523.6800
Graffiti 720.523.6565
Animal Services: 303.288.3294 or 303.288.3135

Long Range Planning
General Information Line 720.523.6992

Parks and Open Space
General Information Line 303.637.800

Public Works
General Information Line 720.523.6875

Department of Regional Affairs
Legislative Affairs 720.532.6828.
Homelessness Liaison 720.523.6894
Neighborhood Liaison 720.523.6991

Adams County Sheriff
General Information Line 303.288.1535

Not finding the information you need? Visit Adams County online at [www.adcogov.org](http://www.adcogov.org). Here you will find a one-stop shop with all county information as well as links for all your resident needs.