



Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

January 31, 2017



Kathy Noon, the Mayor of Centennial, gave our club an update on the city. She had some very interesting statistics to present. Centennial is the 4th best place to live according to USA Today, the 10th largest city in Colorado, the 3rd best city for first time homebuyers according to Wallethub, has the 2nd busiest general aviation airport in the nation. Zip code 801222 is the 3rd hottest in the nation by Realtor.com. There are 6,000+ businesses registered in the city.

The top 10 employers in the city are 1. United Launch Alliance, 2. Oppenheimer Funds, 3. United Healthcare, 4. Comcast Corp, 5. Pearson eCollege, 6. Optium, 7. Sierra Nevada Corp, 8. Saunders Construction, 9. Arrow Electronics, and 10. US Foods.

The top 50 sales tax filers are interesting. 13 are businesses without a physical location in the city. 6 are businesses in the Streets at SouthGlenn. 7 are businesses located in the Centennial Promenade. 5 are auto dealerships. 44% of 2015 sales tax was generated from the top 50 sales tax filers. 73% of 2015 sales tax was generated from the In-City Businesses. The top 10 sales tax producers are 1. IKEA, 2. Xcel Energy, 3. Walmart, 4. Verizon, 5. Hitachi, 6 REI, 7. Best But, 8. AutoNation, 9. Ericsson, and 10. Macy's.

A recent survey showed the following priorities. Priority No 1 is traffic congestion. Priority No 2 is snow plowing. Priority No 3 is shopping areas.

The 2016 citizen survey showed the following:

1. 4 in 5 likely to recommend Centennial to others,
2. 8 in 10 rated overall ease of travel as excellent to good,
3. 4 in 5 likely to remain in Centennial,
4. 8 in 10 rated neighbors as feeling safe,
5. 82% rated overall economic health as to good to excellent,
6. 85% perceived Centennial schools as save, and
7. 2/3 rated travel by car positively.

Mayor Noon also presented on development activity in the city. Total value of building permits in 2014 was \$128,951,945, in 2015 was \$191,097,211, and in 2016 it was \$234,962,407. Some of the major projects in 2016 were a new Hampton Inn, INOVA-Flex, INOVA-office, Vantage Pointe Parking Garage, Elevate at Centennial Apartments, Waterwalk Hotel, KIA Automotive, and The Glenn Apartments at Jones District.

Additional material was presented on Transportation and Mobility and the internet backbone being built out. The City of Centennial is ranked no 1 in the nation for homes connected to the internet. 96.0 percent of the homes in Centennial are connected. Boulder CO is the only other Colorado city in the top 10 and they are no 7.

Around the Centennial Building is where most of the construction is now centered.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 7 -
FEB 14—GREG COTTRELL,
WHAT AM I DOING WHEN I
AM MISSING A MEETING
FEB 21—RUSS KYNCL, VISIONS
TO DO GOOD



Samantha was unable to find the elusive blue marble. The pot is worth over \$1,500 and there are less than twenty marbles.



Congratulation to Randy Pye. He is now a Paul Harris Fellow +4.

CLUB BUSINESS

- A reminder that the club is still selling King Sooper Cards and the club get 5% of the sales.
- PrimeTimes has 9 new members.
- Remember Flower Power on Feb 12 and 13. pick up flowers on the 12th and deliver on the 13th. See Byron.
- The District Conference this year is April 28—30 at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort.
- The RI conference is June 10-14 in Atlanta.
- Volunteers are need Feb 24 for Meals on Wheels.