

Brighton window



Adult and child alike enjoy the first Brighton Touch-a-Truck event last September at City Hall. This year the event – featuring police, fire and other emergency vehicles, tractors, snow plows, school buses and more – will be 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday at City Hall, 500 S. Fourth Ave.

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County granted Spaceport Operator license

The Federal Aviation Administration has granted a Spaceport Site Operator license to Adams County after a 180-day review, the 11th such license granted in the United States, the county announced Friday in a news release. The formal announcement and news conference are scheduled for 11 a.m. today at the Adams County Government Center in Brighton.

"Facilities like our spaceport will be developed around the country and the world," said Mary Hodge, chairman of the Adams County Board of Commissioners. "We'll be building a

hub that connects Colorado to commercial aerospace and research opportunities across the globe."

Located at the former Front Range Airport, six miles from Denver International Airport and only 30 minutes east of downtown Denver, the spaceport site contains 3,200 acres and is surrounded by 7,000 more acres of privately owned industrial

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Funeral notices

Norman Carson Ribble III, 56, died Aug. 11. He was born in Albuquerque, N.M., to Norman C. Jr. and Dorothy Ribble. He earned his bachelor's degree from New Mexico State, and MBA from Texas A&M. He was comptroller of Quadco Inc., in Brighton. His true love was farming and ranching, which he operated in Brighton as Ribble Land and Cattle. He was preceded in death by daughter Caitlyn, and sister Raulee Ribble. Survivors include his wife, Leeann; daughter Kylee; and parents Norman and Dorothy. Celebration of his life, 7 p.m. **Thursday** at French Funerals.

Kelly Michelle Yarish, 56, died July 21. A party celebrating Kelly and her life, 5-9 p.m. **Saturday**, at Barr Lake State Park in the Nature Center. **Tabor-Rice**

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Two Days

Today

9-11 a.m. – Ladies Day Outdoors beginning birding, Barr Lake State Park; 303-659-6005.

9:30-10 a.m. – Music & Movement, Anythink Brighton; Sing, dance, play some basic instruments; kids ages 2-6.

10:30-11:30 a.m. – Music on Mondays, Anythink Brighton; experiment and explore music; for grades K-5.

1:30-3 p.m. – Monday Hangout, Anythink Brighton; build with LEGO® and enjoy a movie; for grades K-5. Drop in.

1:30-3:30 p.m. – Experiments in Sound, Anythink Brighton; work on sound creations or join the collaborative project; experiment in recording and assist in the creation of a sound installation; for ages 12 and older.

4:30-5:30 p.m. – Maker Monday, Anythink Brighton; Make it Sing – Make music using favorite tech toys; an interactive, drop-in program; explore sound; ages 5 and up. Adult helpers recommended for kids ages 10, under.

Tuesday

9:30-10:15 a.m. – Baby Bounce, Anythink Brighton; time with your little one with songs, rhymes and stories for babies and caregivers; for ages birth-23 months.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Medicare Counseling, Eagle View Adult Center by appointment; one-on-one help with trained SHIP counselor; call 303-655-2079 for appointment, free.

10-11:40 a.m. & 1-3:30 p.m. – Bonfils Blood Donation, Anythink Brighton; Sign up to give at mobile donation center at Anythink Brighton. For an appointment: bonfils.org or 303-363-2300, use site code A839. Drop-ins welcome.

11 a.m.-noon – One-on-One Tech Help, Anythink Brighton; by appointment, receive help from a tech guide. RSVP online or call 303-405-3230 to register.

4-5 p.m. – STEAM Tuesdays, Anythink Brighton; Discover Challenge – Explore STEAM principles to build and create; grades K-5; online RSVP suggested.

4 p.m.-sunset – Tuesday Evenings on the Eagle Express, Barr Lake State Park reserve your spot to view the bald eagle nest; dress for the weather, bring picnic dinner, water and bug spray; seats are limited, RSVP and confirm departure time, 303-659-6005, \$7 park entry per car.

5:30-7:30 p.m. – Art Showcase: The Disquietingly Beautiful Forest, Anythink Brighton; six-week series creating around the same theme, "The Disquietingly Beautiful Forest." Artwork created in series will be displayed at the library. All skill levels welcome; for adults. RSVP online.

5:45-6:30 p.m. – Pilates Mat Class, Platte Valley Medical Center, Suite 130 Medical Plaza 1; strengthen and tone, increase overall health; \$9, RSVP 303-498-1840.

Gas gauge

\$2.50⁹ Lowest unleaded price at 4:15 p.m. Sunday:

Murphy Express and **Agfinity/Cenex** station on Bromley Lane

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property. An update on the facility and the name of the spaceport will be revealed at today's news conference.

The county's spaceport application allows vehicles making horizontal takeoffs and landings. The vehicles will take off like traditional airplanes using jet fuel and fly to a special-use airspace where rocket boosters launch the craft into suborbital flight. To land, the craft drops out of suborbital flight and lands like a traditional airplane.

The spaceport will provide a boost to the state's economy by keeping the nearly 200,000 jobs connected to the aerospace industry in Colorado as well as creating new employment opportunities.

"This license supports the rapid pace of innovation of Colorado-based companies while inviting new investment to grow these 21st century jobs throughout the state," Gov. John

Hickenlooper said. "Colorado welcomes the chance to write the next chapter in our country's space history."

Gaining a site operator's license is the first step in a layered process. A space company will have to apply to be licensed as an operator at the spaceport, and the vehicle that company employs for suborbital flight also will be approved and licensed, the release stated.

"The license from the FAA is an important step in the process, and we're looking forward to partnering with a company that shares our vision for the spaceport and the technological and commercial benefits it brings to Colorado," Airport Director Dave Ruppel said.

"There are huge commercial development opportunities both on site and in the surrounding area," Adams County Manager Raymond H. Gonzales said. "When combined with

other developments planned for the area, this part of Adams County is poised to become a major international commercial hub."

Members of Colorado's Congressional delegation have provided support throughout the process, the release stated:

"Today's long-awaited decision marks an important step forward for Adams County and the entire state of Colorado. Spaceport Colorado will leverage Colorado's leadership in aerospace and space exploration, our well-educated workforce, and our excellent higher-learning institutions to attract new businesses and continue pushing the boundaries on what we can learn and accomplish in space," Congressman Ed Perlmutter said.

"This spaceport designation brings with it many exciting opportunities, and I look forward to Colorado's continued engagement in the growing commercial space industry."

"I'm proud to have been a strong supporter of the Adams' County Commissions effort to bring the spaceport designation to the Front Range Airport. I thank our Adams County Commissioners, and all those involved, in making their vision a reality," U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman said.

"Leaders across our state made the case that Colorado—with its robust aerospace and tech industries, strategic location, and highly skilled workforce—was uniquely positioned for a spaceport," Sen. Michael Bennet said. "We welcome today's news and know that Spaceport Colorado will play a key role in the future of commercial space transportation around the country. I'll continue supporting our state's aerospace economy—the second-largest in the nation—as it boosts innovation and creates high-paying jobs for Coloradans."

"Exciting news that Adams County received a license to move forward with a commercial spaceport at Front Range Airport," Sen. Cory Gardner said via Twitter. "This is a positive step as the county seeks to provide commercial space service."

On this date 10 years ago:

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Road construction crews work Monday on patching Bromley Lane between 17th and 22nd Avenues, working their way down the street as part of the extensive citywide summer overlay project. The asphalt overlay is expected to be done on Aug. 28, City Manager John Bramble said Tuesday. See the road report.

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