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Arvada's community events are great ways to explore the city, experience something new, and connect with family, friends and neighbors.

#### Arvada/Blunn Reservoir Opens

Arvada/Blunn Reservoir opens for recreation on April 1. Click the link below for boating and other usage regulations, as well as for information about daily and season passes, and seasonal events.

Date: Friday, April 1

**Location**: Blunn Reservoir, Between Highway 93 and Indiana on West 64<sup>th</sup> Parkway

Time: 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Cost: Daily pass fees vary

Additional information: http://arvada.org/explore/sports-recreation/arvada-blunn-reservoir

#### **Kite Making Class**

In advance of the April 3 Arvada Kite Festival, the Majestic View Nature Center is hosting three kite-making classes that include all the materials necessary to build and fly your own kite.

Date: Three separate classes on Friday, April 1, and Saturday, April 2

Location: Majestic View Nature Center, 7030 Garrison St.

Time: 4-5 p.m. on Friday, April 1; 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 2; and

1-2 p.m. on Saturday, April 2

Cost: \$4 per person

Additional information: Advance registration is required; please call 720-898-7405 to register



#### Arvada Kite Festival

Bring your kite, or purchase one on-site. In addition to kite-flying fun, there will be a jumping castle, slide, train rides, face painting, balloon artists, hamster balls and more. A live DJ will perform throughout the day, and there will also be exhibits by professional kite flyers. Plenty of great local food and artisan vendors will also be on-hand. Sponsored by the Arvada Festivals Commission.

Date: Sunday, April 3

Location: Stenger/Lutz Sports Complex, West 58th Avenue between Oak Street and Kipling Parkway

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: Free

Additional information: https://arvada.org/calendar/index.php?eID=4034

#### Comedy Night @ West Woods

The April 6 edition of Comedy Night @ West Woods features two headliners for the price of one: Vic Alejandro and Brent Gill. Alejandro has appeared on "The Ellen Degeneres Show" and is a regular at Denver's downtown Comedy Works. Gill is also a regular at Denver's Comedy Works, and he hosts the comedy-news show "Infauxmation!".

Date: Wednesday, April 6

Location: West Woods Golf Course, 6655 Quaker St.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$17

Additional information: Tickets and additional details are available via Slap Happy Entertainment at

http://www.slaphappyentertainment.com/







The second annual Arvada Car Care Fest will include free tire tread checks and an air fill station; child carseat inspection information; windshield chip repairs; coupons and giveaways; and much more. The Corner of Gourmet Food Truck will be on hand, and there will be kids activities including face painting and a balloon-animal artist. Various clubs and civic groups will also be on-hand, and live entertainment will be provided by "Cruisin' Dave."

Date: Saturday, April 9

Location: 5630 Ward Road

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost: Free

Additional information: 303-736-1111

#### Kickin' It for Kids Fundraiser

This annual event benefits the Susan M. Duncan Family YMCA. Join us for a groovy, '70s-themed evening of good food, great drinks and some totally far-out auction items (a live and silent auction will be held), all benefitting children and families in our community. So bust out your bell-bottoms and platform shoes, and boogie the night away to support the YMCA.

Date: Saturday, April 9

Location: Lamar Street Center, 5889 Lamar St.

Time: 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Cost: Individual and couple ticket fees vary based on purchase date

Additional information: http://www.denverymca.org/duncan-event



#### Paradise on the Patio & In the Garden

Transform your patio and protected outdoor living areas with exotic tropical and subtropical plants. Discover the variety of unusual and striking plants that create interest and enjoyment outdoors in the summer, and indoors when temperatures cool. Presented by Jordan Rasmussen of Monrovia Nursery.

Date: Sunday, April 10

Location: Echter's Garden Center, 5150 Garrison St.

Time: 3-4:30 p.m.

Cost: Free

Additional information: http://www.echters.com/



#### State of the City Address

Join Arvada Mayor Marc Williams for the annual State of the City address. Sponsored by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

Date: Friday, April 15

Location: Arvada Center for the Arts & Humanities, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd.

Time: 7:15-9 a.m.

Cost: \$15; RSVP is required

Additional information: http://arvadachamber.org/events/



#### Apex Bike Rodeo: Secrest Youth and Teen Center

Get ready for a safe and fun cycling season with the 7<sup>th</sup> annual bike rodeo at the Secrest Youth and Teen Center. Safety skill-building activities, obstacle courses, safety checks, bike helmets and more will be available.

Date: Saturday, April 23

**Location**: Secrest Youth and Teen Center, 6820 W. 66<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Cost: Free

Additional information: http://apexprd.org/

#### Arvada Historical Society's Antiques Appraisal

The Arvada Historical Society will host an antiques appraisal fundraiser at the McIlvoy House. Bring your favorite antique to our panel of experts and receive their evaluation of the current Denver market value.

Date: Saturday, April 23

Location: McIlvoy House, 7307 Grandview Ave.

**Time**: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost: \$5 donation per item; maximum of two items per attendee

Additional information: 303-431-1261



#### **Arvada Tennis Center Free Open House**

This free event features court activities for youth and adults, demo racquets, a ball machine, a racquet-stringing demonstration, bounce house, and food. Bring a racquet if you have one. Volunteers are needed, regardless of tennis ability.

Date: Saturday, April 30

Location: 6430 Miller St.

Time: noon to 2 p.m.

Cost: Free

Additional information: 303-420-1210



#### 9Health Fair

Volunteers are still needed to help with this annual event, which finds in approximately 1,000 participants seeking to take control of their health. Contact Brandy Staunch at 303-403-2594 or Brandys@apexprd.org to volunteer or learn more about the Health Fair.



Date: Sunday, May 1

Location: Apex Center, 13510 W. 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

Time: 7 a.m. to noon

Cost: Free

Additional information: http://www.9healthfair.org/

#### **Ladies Only Sample Tour**

A special evening awaits you in Olde Town, were you can sample all there is to offer. Bring your mother, daughter or girlfriends for a fabulous girls' night out. Purchase an event bracelet and get a map of the historic district, where you can receive free samples, tasty treats and beverages from participating businesses.

Date: Thursday, May 5

Location: Olde Town Arvada

**Time**: 4-8 p.m. **Cost**: \$12.50

Additional information: http://www.ladiesonlysampletour.com/

#### First Friday at Grand Lake Brewing Tavern

Come to the first ever First Friday art and music event at Grand Lake Brewing Tavern in Arvada. Hosting a group of artists and music from Michael Witter, Grand Lake offers 12 craft brews and a great food menu.

Date: Friday, May 6

Location: Grand Lake Brewing Tavern, 5610 Yukon St.

**Time**: 6-11 p.m.

Cost: Free

Additional information: http://www.grandlakebrewing.com/



#### Arvada Historical Society's Mother's Day Tea

The Arvada Historical Society will host two Mother's Day Teas on Saturday, May 7. The second tea will be especially for mothers and daughters and/or granddaughters. Enjoy a delightful meal and program. Seating is limited and advance ticket purchase is required.

Date: Saturday, May 7

**Location**: McIlvoy House, 7307 Grandview Ave.

Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and 2-4 p.m. (for mothers and daughters and/or granddaughters)

Cost: \$25 for adults; \$20 for children under 12



#### Stamp Out Hunger: Arvada Community Food Bank

The National Association of Letter Carriers' annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive will again take place the second Saturday in May. Please help the NALC and the Arvada Community Food Bank collect a record 100,000 pounds of food this year. This food is critical for the Food Bank to make it through the summer months, when donations typically fall short. Fill the blue bag left by your postal carrier and leave it by your mailbox by 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 14. Your letter carrier or an Arvada Community Food Bank volunteer will pick up your donation.



Date: Saturday, May 14

Additional information: http://arvadacfb.org/events

For more information on these and other exciting Arvada events, please visit the Arvada Visitors Center.

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