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Report Finds Colorado's Defense Sector Produces \$36.6 Billion Economic Impact

A recently completed statewide economic study shows that Department of Defense (DoD) and corresponding activities produce a \$36.6 billion economic impact on Colorado's economy. These results are much higher and farther reaching than initially understood and represent over 7 percent of the state's total economy in terms of employment, earnings, and state tax revenues.

The data shows that the state's defense sector is a significant economic driver along the front range, and most importantly, in smaller counties across the state. Local employment, incomes, sales and tax revenues are all enhanced by DoD activities, especially when factoring income from military retiree and veteran pensions and compensation.

"We are extremely fortunate to live in a state where the economic benefit from the defense-related sector is so significant. We also admire and appreciate the men and women who serve and have served, and how much they contribute every day to strengthening and enriching our

communities," said President and CEO of The Aurora Chamber of Commerce, Kevin Hougen.

Colorado is revolutionizing the defense and aerospace industry with more than 400 companies who are leading and supporting groundbreaking missions, a variety of military commands, cutting-edge space exploration programs and renowned research laboratories and universities.

The report, performed by Summit Economics LLC., and commissioned by the Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC and Military Affairs Council, Aurora Chamber of Commerce and Defense Council, and PuebloPlex, updates the economic aspects of a 2015 study authorized and funded by the Colorado Legislature and administered by the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. This updated report

adds the economic and fiscal impacts of Military Retirees, Veterans, and the Veterans Administration's (VA) expenditures in Colorado. ■

See <http://www.aurorachamber.org/blog/> - Defense Sector Produces \$36.6 Billion Economic Impact in Colorado - for the Abridged and Unabridged full reports.

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— Kevin Hougen,
Aurora Chamber
President and CEO

2015 Findings

Direct DoD Funds Into Colorado
\$12.4 Billion



170,000 Total Jobs

\$11.7 Billion Total Earnings

5.5% of Total Colorado State Tax Revenue

\$18 Billion in Gross State Product

\$27 Billion in Total Output

2017 Findings

Direct DoD Funds Into Colorado
\$18.1 Billion



247,000 Total Jobs

\$16.4 Billion Total Earnings

7.3% of Total Colorado State Tax Revenue

\$25 Billion in Gross State Product

\$36.6 Billion in Total Output



Kevin Hougen
President & CEO

President's Letter

Aurora, Colorado - Gateway to the Rockies, 1902-2018:

Aurora, Colorado - Gateway to Space, 2018 — “Infinity and Beyond!”

During the week of August 12, I had the honor of attending the civic leader tour celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the **North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD)**! NORAD is a strong and growing collaborative partnership with Canada, Mexico and the Bahamas which is so critical to both North American and our hemispheric security.

The photo (below), is (left to right), myself, Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson, and President of the Colorado Thirty Group Mr. Don Addy. We are at a reception in Anchorage, Alaska, and touring NORAD's aerospace warning mission with its headquarters located at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. For more than 60 years, we have had this remarkable partnership that provides an integrated tactical warning and attack assessment to the governments of Canada, Mexico, United States,



Aurora Chamber President Kevin Hougen, Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson, and President of the Colorado Thirty Group Mr. Don Addy.

Puerto Rico, and the Bahamas. NORAD is our homeland defense; there is no obligation more sacred than defending the homeland. It is the number one priority and no-fail mission of our countries.

Another poignant development that you may have heard about is the announcement that

Front Range Airport has become the newest **Air and Space Port** in the Country. On August 17, the Federal Aviation Administration granted **Adams County** a spaceport site operator license at Front Range Airport. The Colorado Air and Space Port will serve as America's hub for commercial space transportation, research, and development. Horizontal launch facilities like this are developing around the world and have the potential to become the foundation for a global suborbital transportation network. What comes with this new opportunity is research and development, future manufacturing, and pilot and flight training. ■



Rendering of Front Range Air and Space Port

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THE CHAMBER'S MISSION

The mission of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce is to give a voice to the business community and serve as an advocate for its members, creating a positive business environment that encourages their growth and long-term economic vitality.

An Inside Look at Chamber Committees

BUSINESS FOR THE ARTS

Tuesday, August 7, 2018
Planning for 2018-2019

The annual August meeting of Business for the Arts is a planning meeting, to determine what the committee is interested in hearing about, seeing, and exploring in the upcoming year.

Many ideas were put 'on the list,' including: A tour

of the 7/20 Memorial; What sponsorships of an arts organization should include; How to create a video; a review of The CBCA's annual economic impact report; an economic development presentation by Chamber President Kevin Hougen; a social media panel; Meow Wolf coming to Colorado; and, of course, the annual Holiday Gathering at the Aurora History Museum — to name just a few.

After sorting out the jigsaw puzzle of possibilities, a schedule of meetings will be available — probably in early October. A tour of the 7/20 memorial is scheduled for September 4, details at www.aurorachamber.org calendar.



Photo by Tom Isaacson

TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, August 1, 2018
Update about E-470 Highway Authority



Tim Stewart, Executive Director of E-470 Public Highway Authority

E-470 is a 47-mile, all-electronic toll road that can take travelers through eight jurisdictions. This user-financed toll road currently accommodates 31,300 vehicles per day, with an estimated 56,300 per day by 2040.

The Executive Director of the E-470 Public Highway Authority brought Transportation committee members up-to-date on E-470 traffic trends, how toll revenues are used, recent initiatives including the Stephen D. Hogan Parkway extension and freezing Express Toll rates, multi-use trail connections, the Quincy

ramp relocation, and the road widening of Quincy to I-70. The presentation was followed by a tour of the state-of-the-art facility.

To see a copy of the presentation, contact Mitzi.Schindler@aurorachamber.org.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, EDUCATION, AND ENERGY

Thursday, July 5, 2018
Tour of Terrapin Care Station



The Government Affairs, Education and Energy committee took a field trip to Terrapin Care Station Cultivation Facility and Dispensary, located at 11900 E. 33rd Ave., Aurora, CO 80010, for an educational tour of the industry. Shawn Coleman, director of government affairs for Terrapin Care Station greeted the 22 attendees and gave an overview of what they would see on the tour.

The Terrapin staff explained the entire process of plant cultivation, and attendees were allowed to touch, smell, and take pictures of the plants. Questions were asked about extraction and how THC is transformed into oils, edibles, and products called sugar, wax, and shatter. They also shared information about health codes, tracking of product, and federal laws.

Thursday, August 2, 2018
Sales Tax for Transportation and an Overview of the State Budget



Carla Perez



Jason Schrock

The Government Affairs, Education and Energy committee hosted President of MOVE Colorado Carla Perez, and Deputy Director Jason Schrock with the Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting, for two informational presentations.

Perez gave an update on the Let's Go Colorado campaign, regarding transportation funding and a proposal to fix Colorado's roads, via sales tax. Proposition 110 will increase the state's sales tax by 0.62%, a little more than half a cent on a dollar purchase.

CDOT currently has more than \$9 billion in unfunded projects.

- Revenue will address longstanding problems with funding transportation projects in the state
- New revenue will be distributed to fund critical state projects that address safety and make it easier to get around.

Schrock presented on Colorado's Economy and State Budget, first highlighting employment, in which Colorado's Total Nonagricultural Employment is outperforming US overall, and the Front Range has one of the best economies with three cities in the Top 10, including Boulder at #1.

He ended with notable budget items for 2018, comprising of:

- Budget Stabilization Factor Decreased \$150 million
- Transportation Funding
- Funding for PERA
- Reserve Increase from 6.5% to 7.25%

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COUNCIL

Friday, July 13 2018
Exploring Emotional Intelligence and Cultural Awareness



Evan Abbott

Evan Abbott, Director of Organizational Development and Learning for Employers Council, presented to the Diversity and Inclusion Council about Emotional Intelligence (EQ), that reveals ways to deliberately and intentionally utilize your emotions as actual data to

create optimal results in professional and personal relationships. The Five EQ Competencies are self-awareness, self-regulation, self-motivation, empathy, and relationship skills categorize the largest impact on success.

Friday, August 10, 2018
Using Census Data to Benefit Your Business

The Diversity and Inclusion council hosted Kimberly Ann Davis, data dissemination specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau at the August meeting. Davis gave a detailed overview on how to pull specific census data, that can directly help benefit businesses. Small business owners and regional analysts can easily use key demographic and economic data in their research for opening new businesses or expanding existing ones. Davis shared stories of how this data can be useful; one example was an owner of a local bar.

The bar owner could pull unlimited data, including:

- How many other bars are in the same area
- What competitors pay their employees

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Stephen D. Hogan Parkway Breaks Ground

Elected officials, project partners, and team members broke ground June 28, 2018 at a ceremony to kick off the Stephen D. Hogan Parkway. The Parkway is named as a tribute to Hogan, who served as Mayor of Aurora for six years, and on Aurora City Council for 24 years prior to becoming mayor. Hogan passed away in May 2018, following a battle with cancer.

The parkway will connect 6th Avenue east of Tower Road to the existing 6th Parkway at E-470. The project is set to be completed by the fall of 2019. ■



COMMITTEES (con't)

- How many people in that neighborhood consume beer vs wine/spirits
- How many people in that neighborhood drink at home or prefer to go out
- What is the average age of the population living around the bar (old enough to drink)

The bar owner is also able to pull this information if she is looking to add a second location. This is valuable information to determine where to locate a second bar.

Kimberly gave tips and tricks for beneficial searches including the American Community Survey. She discussed American Factfinder, Quickfacts, Census Business Builder and My Congressional District.

Links can be found at [census.gov](https://www.census.gov).

WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Annual Progressive Lunch



The Women in Business committee traveled to The Shops at Northfield Stapleton for a three-course meal from some valued Chamber restaurants. Jim N' Nicks BBQ hosted appetizers of delicious queso dip, quesadillas, and smoked hot links. La Sandia Cantina and Tequila Bar provided lunch choices of baja fish tacos, chicken enchilada divorciadas, or steak fajitas, along with a dessert choice of flan, churros, or tres leches cake. The luncheon showcases the cuisine of members in different areas of the region and creates an open and relaxed climate for networking.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Wednesday June 20, 2018

The 'Best Darn Networking' Workshop



Nathan Hayes, career services advisor with Colorado Technical University, led a workshop providing

young professionals with tips on how to make the most of networking, and how to take that networking a step further to implement policies into professional career growth. The attendees also broke into smaller groups for facilitated activities and real-life examples of building relationships, networking from a community of leads, and fostering trust with others.

WORK WELL 2.0 HEALTH SERIES

Thursday, August 9, 2018

The Facts about Diabetes



change and diabetes education by showing a slide with some Hollywood stars that either have prediabetes or diabetes - to show that the disease can affect anyone, even some who seem healthy and in shape. (Halle Berry (type 2), Nick Jonas (type 1), Alec Baldwin (pre-diabetes), Selma Hayek (gestational diabetes).

The statistics are staggering: 30.3 million people have diabetes, with another 84 million with pre-diabetes. There are risk factors that can't be changed, such as family history, age, and ethnicity; and there are factors that can decrease the risk of diabetes, such as weight control, diet, physical activity, and control of blood pressure.

Smith and Whatley introduced two educational diabetes programs that they will bring to workplaces, in order to reduce the risks of diabetes - in addition to making the workforce healthier! For more information about the programs, call (720) 266-2971 or email cht@tchd.org. You can also go online:

www.tchd.org/journeytowellness or www.tchd.org/diabetes.

The Worksite Wellness grant through CDPHE has been renewed for



another three-year cycle, which means that The Chamber and Tri-County Health Department will continue with the Work Well 2.0 Health Series for another three years; providing healthy workplace assessments, informational meetings and advising, camaraderie with other coalition members, funding opportunities, and FUN.

This free, Chamber 'healthy' benefit program is available for all Chamber member organizations/companies.

Contact Mitzi.Schindler@aurorachamber.org for information.

DEFENSE COUNCIL

Thursday, June 28, 2018

Colorado Technical University

Colorado Technical University (CTU) hosted June's Defense Council meeting. CTU's Regional Vice President Mark Seglem, discussed the degrees and programs available at CTU. Since 2008, CTU has awarded Patriot scholarships to over 500 wounded service members, their spouses/caregivers and dependents, totaling more than \$8.5 million. CTU has also been the title sponsor for the Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon for six consecutive years. The Radisson Hotel Denver, Southeast sponsored a delicious breakfast for the more than 100 attendees. ■



Left to right: Chamber President/CEO Kevin Hougen, Defense Council Vice-Chair Stephen Gourley, and Chamber Exec. Vice President Rene Simard, (far right), recognize 460th Space Wing Command Chief CMSgt Rod Lindsey, (in uniform) for his support of the Defense Council and the Aurora community. Chief Lindsey is retiring from the Air Force after 29 years of service.

Art Show at Creative Counseling Center

The sharing of oneself, through the creative process, is therapeutic and clears emotional space, allowing positive memories to develop and resilience to be restored.

Because many of **Creative Counseling Center's** client stories remain unheard outside the walls of our counseling practice, the Art Show is a mechanism to celebrate tremendous courage, growth and development. With their permission, clients' artwork will be showcased on Thursday, Oct. 25 at 6 pm at **Creative Counseling Center**.

Your presence can play a role in the healing process. Please join us in celebrating these clients' growth and development. For details and RSVP, go to ArtShow2018.ezregister.com.

Centennial Third Best for First-Time Home Buyers

The **City of Centennial** ranks as the third best city in the nation for first-time home buyers, according to a recent study by WalletHub.



Centennial Mayor
Stephanie Piko

The study compared a sample of 300 U.S. cities of various sizes by analyzing three key indicators: affordability, the real-estate market and quality of life. Centennial came in at No. 3 overall, but was No. 2 among



small cities
(defined as
fewer than
150,000

residents) for first-time home buyers, and No. 7 in the quality-of-life category.

"Centennial is proud to be recognized by Wallet Hub, and has always strived to encourage housing options for all stages of life," says Centennial Mayor Stephanie Piko.

Children's Hospital Colorado Among Top 10



Children's Hospital
Colorado CEO
Jena Hausmann



Children's Hospital Colorado

U.S. News & World Report has named **Children's Hospital Colorado (Children's Colorado)** to its 2018-19 Best Children's Hospitals Honor Roll, a distinction awarded to the top 10 best children's hospitals nationwide. Based on clinical data, outcomes, and peer reputation,

Children's Colorado ranked with high marks in all 10 ranked subspecialties,

including five in the top 10: Neonatology (#4); Diabetes & Endocrinology (#7); Gastroenterology & GI Surgery (#7); Pulmonology (#7); Cancer (#8).

"Our dedication to kids is constant and tireless — and it shows," says Jena Hausmann, president and CEO of **Children's Colorado**. "We take pride in delivering the best possible care to every single child who walks through our doors. Ranking in the top 10 is a testament to our talented and compassionate pediatric specialists who this past year cared for kids from all 50 states and more than 35 countries."

Comcast Expands Internet Essentials Program to Low-Income Veterans

Comcast is working to bridge the digital divide for all Coloradans, and recently shared that they are expanding the eligibility of the Internet Essentials program to include low-income veterans.

Internet Essentials is the largest and most comprehensive broadband adoption program for



low-income families in the U.S. Since 2011, **Comcast** has connected more than six million low-income individuals

to the Internet at home, most for the very first time, including 240,000 individuals across Colorado and 39,200 individuals in Aurora.

In addition, they announced their second biggest expansion ever in eligibility for the program to low-income veterans living in their service area. Now, as many as one million low-income veterans will be able to apply. Fewer than 70 percent of low-income veterans have Internet access. Veterans stood up for our country, and **Comcast** is standing up for them by providing access to life-changing digital tools and resources.

To learn more about Internet Essentials, and other Comcast initiatives, visit Comcast's local Colorado blog: <https://colorado.comcast.com/2018/08/13/comcast-expands-internet-essentials-program-to-include-low-income-veterans/>

E-470 Eliminates Vehicle Registration Fee Sept. 1, 2018

E-470 will eliminate the \$10 Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) for motorists living in Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas Counties, as of September 1, 2018.



The fee removal is supported by all voting members of the E-470 Board including Heidi Williams (City of Thornton), Chaz Tedesco (Adams County), Steve Douglas (Commerce City), Bill Holen (**Arapahoe County**), John Diak (Town of Parker), Françoise Bergan (**City of Aurora**), Roger Partridge (Douglas County), and Ken Kreutzer (City of Brighton).

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Behavioral Economics Lead to Healthier Work Environment

By Shannon Bean Scalise, customer experience manager, FruitRevival

We all know that we should eat better, and while many workplaces are focusing on nutrition education, education alone does not consistently drive behavior change. In a country where 75 percent of the \$3 Trillion spent on healthcare in the U.S. is attributable to conditions strongly influenced by behavior (cancer, heart disease, Type 2 Diabetes, obesity, etc.), and where employers are experiencing an almost 200 percent increase in medical costs for employees with multiple risk factors (<https://goo.gl/CAxZ4f>), behavior change IS the name of the game.

New research from the field of Behavioral Economics suggests that we should focus more on changing workplace "choice environments" than on trying to change employees directly. This approach is compelling because it doesn't depend on robustly funded incentives to reward behavior, or on having the additional bandwidth to develop labor-intensive programming.



Instead, it focuses on changing the choice environment in the workplace. Applications include things like beautifying stairwells to encourage taking the stairs, installing a "walking path" through or around the office for healthier 1:1 walking meetings, and providing fresh fruits & veggies in the workplace.

Behavior Economists Volp & Asch describe it best:

"So many of our conventional approaches to changing the culture of health involve, on some level, trying to convince people that the healthy life is their decision, and one they should choose.

But personal change is hard. The offer of behavioral economics is to meet people halfway. Rather than just aiming to reshape people's behavior to something more health promoting, behavioral economics aims to reshape their context so their existing patterns of behavior are more health promoting. Changing the culture of health may not be easy, but we can advance the goal by modifying choice environments in a systemic way to make the healthy choice the easy choice." (<https://goo.gl/hdNvuc>) ■

FruitRevival is a sustainable and women-owned business with a serious passion for wellness; currently providing service to more than 300 organizations in Colorado. FruitRevival recycles 100 percent of all cardboard packing materials that come through their warehouse, and donates hundreds of pounds of imperfect but edible fresh fruit each week to Denver food shelters. Go to <https://fruitrevival.com> or contact sales@fruitrevival.com for more info.

2018 Ballot Initiatives Overview

The Chamber is tracking the following initiatives that could be on the November 6 ballot. 98,492 valid signatures are needed for certification; Information below is accurate as of 8/27/18. The Secretary of State may certify other measures by 9/5/18.

Citizen Initiated Measures

Already Qualified

Amendment 73 – Funding for Public Schools

- Increase income taxes for certain individuals, trusts, estates according to a variable tax rate structure based on annual income,
- Increase the corporate tax rate,
- Reduce residential and nonresidential property tax rates

- Create a fund dedicated to public education from revenue generated by tax increases, and
- Mandate certain actions by the legislature regarding the fund and implementation

**Constitutional Measure – A 55 percent supermajority vote is required for the approval of this initiative*



Proposition 110 – Transportation Funding

- Increase state sales tax rate by .62 percent for 20 years to fund transportation and authorizes
- CDOT to issue up to \$6 billion in bonds
- New sales tax revenue would be earmarked according to this formula:
 - o 45 percent for state transportation funding and debt service on the bond repayment;

- o 40 percent for local governments; and
- o 15 percent for multimodal transportation
- Support: “Let’s Go Colorado”
- Opposition: “Don’t Turn Colorado Into California”
- Signatures Submitted: 198,261



May Qualify

Initiative #97 – Setback Requirement for Oil and Gas Development

- Requires that new oil and natural gas development not on federal land be located at least
- 2,500 feet from an occupied structure or vulnerable area
- COGCC Study

- o 85% of CO would be unavailable for new development
- o 94% of land in top five oil and gas producing counties would be unavailable
- Signatures submitted: 170,000

For up-to-date information, attend the Government Affairs, Education, and Energy meeting on September 6, 2018. Updates will also be included in weekly eblasts from The Chamber. ■



MEMBER NEWS (con't)

The bonds pledged by the VRF were originally approved by the voters in 1988 for the construction and operations of E-470 and were set to be retired in 2026. The E-470 Board refinanced these bonds in 2001 and reduced the final maturity with a scheduled payoff on September 1, 2018, coinciding with the elimination of the fee.

E-470 is the 47-mile, 75-mph toll road running along the eastern perimeter of the Denver metropolitan area. E-470 is a user-financed roadway, receiving no local, state or federal funds for financing, construction, operations or maintenance.

For information about ExpressToll or how to open an account, visit ExpressToll.com or call the Service Center at 303-537-3470.

Michael Kapoor Joins Majestic Realty Co.



Michael Kapoor

Majestic Realty Co. recently added Michael Kapoor to its development team at the **Majestic Commercenter**. Kapoor joins Majestic from the Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck law firm, and will serve as an ownership



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located at the intersection of I-70 and Tower Road in Aurora. He will provide oversight on all aspects of the park’s development from proposals and lease agreements to entitlements and future development opportunities.

“With the magnitude of our park — now 40-plus tenants and 5 million square feet of warehouse and distribution facilities — Michael adds a set of skills and experience that will help ensure that we’re taking care of our tenants with the level of care and service that Majestic has built over seven decades,” said **Majestic Realty Co.** Executive Vice President, Randy Hertel.

The **Majestic Commercenter** is home to 50 companies and more than 3,000 employees. Since 1995, **Majestic Realty** has invested more than a quarter of a billion dollars in the Aurora market through its buildings and land acquisitions, including its 2015 acquisition of an additional 500 acres directly adjacent to the original **Commercenter** park. ■

representative and help manage and grow the company’s portfolio at the 1,500-acre industrial park



Arapahoe County Sheriff Dave Walcher poses with a couple of young constituents at the August 25 Sheriff’s Open House and Pancake Breakfast that attracted more than 800 attendees. The event provided an opportunity for the public to meet Sheriff’s Office staff, take tours, see equipment, and – of course – eat free pancakes.

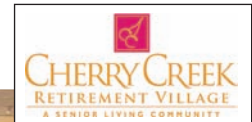
Ribbon cuttings mean business: 225 jobs



Peak to Peak Tap & Brew

9735 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora, CO 80010

Peak to Peak Tap & Brew is a casual alehouse with locally-infused, ever-changing selection of craft brews on tap. Owner Gordon McKennon celebrates the grand opening of his second location by cutting the ribbon, joined by his wife and Director of Events Joy McKennon, Aurora City Councilman Dave Gruber, Chamber staff and Ambassadors, Aurora Police Department officers, and customers. Check out **Peak to Peak Tap & Brew's** first location at 16701 E. Iliff Ave., Aurora, CO 80013, (720) 446-8714 and the new location, listed above. (8.8.18) www.peaktopeaktapandbrew.com (303) 284-9780 (Colfax location).



Cherry Creek Retirement Village

14555 E. Hamden Ave., Aurora, CO 80014

Cherry Creek Retirement Village celebrates their grand re-opening with a ribbon cutting by Executive Director Dennis Veen. Chamber President Kevin Hougen, Chamber Ambassadors, facility staff and residents also participate in the festivities, including live entertainment by the Denver Dolls, and tours of the facility. The facility has recently undergone renovations, and staff are proud of the same great reputation with a fresh, new look! **Cherry Creek Retirement Village** is designed to create an active and rewarding lifestyle for seniors living in Aurora, offering assisted and independent living. (6/19/18) www.cherrycreekretirement.com (303) 693-0200.



Painting with a Twist

14132 E. Cedar Ave., Aurora, CO 80012

Painting with a Twist is in Aurora — and is a great place to have fun with your friends or meet new ones! Owners Joshua and Rebecca Flott cut the ribbon to their new establishment, and are joined by their staff, friends, and Chamber Ambassadors. **Painting with a Twist** provides all of the painting supplies and artist instructions, so no art experience is needed. Simply be ready to have a "twisted" good time! (6/28/18) www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/denver-aurora/ (303) 343-2826.



iBox Self Storage

7411 S. Gartrell Rd., Aurora, CO 80016

iBox Self Storage serves the Aurora community with a new, state-of-the-art self-storage facility that includes amenities such as temperature-controlled units, video surveillance, commercial receiving, and much more. Cutting the ribbon is **iBox Self Storage** owner Harvey Alpert, with attendees including City Councilwoman Françoise Bergan, Chamber President Kevin Hougen, Chamber Ambassadors, **iBox Self Storage** staff, and clients and friends. (7/31/18) www.iboxselfstorage.com (720) 535-7363.



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Parkside Village Retirement Resort

14501 E. Crestline Dr., Aurora, CO 80015

Parkside Village Retirement Resort is an all-inclusive 55 and over senior living facility, complete with round-the-clock service, resort-style dining, and lavish accommodations. Live-in Managers Sandra Salvati and Maurizio Palombi cut the ribbon, accompanied by Community Relations Manager, Jim Nellius, resort residents and Chamber Ambassadors. Chamber President Kevin Hougen and Council Member Bob Roth were also present and made welcoming remarks. Lunch was provided to all attendees by the **Parkside Village Retirement Resort's** executive chef. (7/12/18)
ParksideVillageRetirement.com
 (720) 214-8899.

Photo by: Steve Hostetler



PilotHouse Brewing Company

4233 S. Buckley Rd., Aurora, CO 80013

PilotHouse Brewing Company opened their doors to a brand-new brewery with President Jean Verrier and Vice President Michele Verrier cutting the ribbon. Family of the Verrier's attended the event as well as City Councilwoman Nicole Johnston, Chamber Ambassadors and Exec. Vice President of The Chamber, Rene Simard. **PilotHouse** is a family-friendly brewery with 32 beers on tap created by amateur brewers, and their own 'house' crafted beers. (6/21/18).
www.pilothousebrewco.com
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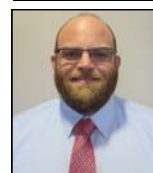
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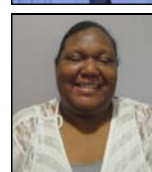
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Outgoing Chair honored



Outgoing Chair of the Chamber Board, Suzanne Pitrusu with Community Banks of Colorado-Greenwood Village, receives a plaque with her very own gavel for her year of dedicated service to The Chamber Board at the July 25 meeting. Pitrusu has been active in The Chamber in many roles, including immediate past chair of the Board, serving on the Leadership Aurora Board, chair of the Defense Council and the chair of the Council's Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon committee. ■

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