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Arapahoe County celebrates 30th Anniversary of the opening of the Administration Building in downtown Littleton

Commissioners and employees to celebrate with cake, balloons and fond memories

Littleton, Colo. – Arapahoe County will mark the 30th Anniversary of the opening of the Administration Building, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton, at 11:30 a.m. July 9 with a birthday celebration in the East Hearing room.

The ceremony will recognize employees who were working for Arapahoe County when the building opened in 1977, as well as past elected officials including former Commissioner John Nicholl who was in office at the time the building opened.

Between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Arapahoe County employees also will hand out birthday cake and balloons to citizens who stop by the Administration Building.

“The County has grown significantly over the past 30 years and the glass palace has served the County well with a growing number of services under one roof,” said Commissioner Susan Beckman, Chair Pro Tem. “We are pleased to be celebrating this milestone and look forward to providing our citizens with services for years to come.”

Before the Administration building, the County seat was located at the former Arapahoe County Courthouse in downtown Littleton. But as the County grew, offices began to expand out of the courthouse to many other buildings. By the time the Administration Building opened its doors in 1977, Arapahoe County’s population had grown to 245,000. Today, more than 520,000 people live in Arapahoe County.

At that time, construction of the Administration Building, which cost \$4.1 million to build, enabled Arapahoe County to consolidate many services under one roof.

“We were all excited when the Administration Building opened,” said Donna Larson, Deputy of Motor Vehicle Division for the Clerk and Recorder’s Office who has been with the County for 37 years. “The building seemed so big and we were all pleased just to be under one roof.”

Sgt. Randy Councill, who oversees the Emergency Management Office, helped celebrate the grand opening as one of the cadets in the Sheriff’s Office Honor Guard.

“I remember the opening ceremony with the Honor Guards, the Deputy Explorer Cadets and Arapahoe County Sheriff Posse,” said Randy, who has worked for the County for 31 years. “It was a great ceremony. People were really excited that the new building was finally opening.”

Today, the Administration Building is home to the Assessor’s Office, Board of County Commissioners, BOCC Administration, Clerk and Recorder’s Office, County Attorney, Communication Services, Facilities and Fleet Management, Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology and the Treasurer’s Office.

Approximately, 800 to 1,000 citizens visit the Administration Building each day to renew their driver’s license, or license plates, apply for a passport, register to vote, record documents, pay property taxes or research property values.

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