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SEP/OCT 2015

Upcoming Events

Meetings are held at the Chamber
office, 14305 E. Alameda Ave., Suite
300 - unless otherwise noted

Go to
www.aurorachamber.org/calendar
for details.

SEPTEMBER

Business for the Arts

September 1 | 8 am

Transportation

September 2 | 7:30 am

Government Affairs

September 3 | 7:30 am

Labor Day

Chamber Office Closed

September 7

Chamber Master Training

September 9 | 12 pm

Health Series

September 10 | 8 am

Young Professionals

September 11 | 3:30 pm

Women in Business

September 22 | 12 pm

Member Orientation

September 23 | 12 pm

Defense Council

September 24 | 7:15 am

Taste of The Chamber

September 24 | 5 - 8 pm
Radisson Hotel Denver SE

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Agreement on DIA development to go to voters



Erik Hansen

At the August Government Affairs Committee meeting, Adams County Commissioner Erik Hansen provided an update about proposed changes to the 1988 New Airport and Annexation Intergovernmental Agreement. The 1988 agreement resulted in the opening of Denver International Airport in 1995.

Nearly 20 years later, in April 2012, Denver Mayor Michael Hancock laid out a concept for an "Airport City." This prompted lengthy discussions and formal mediation, resulting in an "Aerotropolis" vision for the region.

The changes proposed to the Intergovernmental Agreement will go to a vote in both Denver and Adams Counties in November 2015.

Below, are changes to the original agreement, as well as initiatives that have not been changed.

What has changed:

- Creates 1,500-acre commercial development program with opportunity for expansion
- Adams County and Denver share any and all tax revenues 50/50 percent from program

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Total Air Force on display for Civic Leaders Tour



Front Row (left to right): Karen Willett, **ARPC**; Maureen Barker, **Citywide Banks**; John Adams, **Colorado Technical University**; Michelle Redding, **Dry Dock Brewing**; Renee Gullickson, **Wells Fargo Bank**; Naomi Colwell, **Aurora Chamber of Commerce**; BGen Bo Mahaney, **ARPC**; Command Chief Ruth Flores, **ARPC**; Lynn Myers, **Denver South Economic Development Partnership**; Kevin Hougen, **Aurora Chamber of Commerce**; Neil Marciniak, **City of Centennial**; Gian Gandolfo, **Hilton Garden Inn DIA**. Back Row (left to right): Mike Garcia, **Hurricane Grill & Wings**; Cindy Dewey, **ARPC**; Tom Flanagan, **Citywide Banks**; Brian McBroom, **Commerce City**; Jason Hirsh, **Former Colorado Rockies Baseball Pitcher**; Johnny Choate, **The GEO Group**; Cathy Noon, **City of Centennial**; Paul Suss, **Suss Buick GMC**; Kristi Kleinholtz, **Outback Steakhouse**; Harry Bull, **Cherry Creek Schools**; Stefan Geyer, **Soar Realty**; Jim Bickford, **Bickford Law LLC**. (Photo taken by: SMSgt John Rohrer.)

By John Adams, Colorado Technical University

Many Coloradoans have some knowledge of the Air Force, and can quickly name institutions such as Buckley Air Force Base and the Air Force Academy. Images of sleek planes and crisply uniformed personnel come to mind. However, few people think of the less obvious components of the picture — the Guard and Reserve units, many of whom integrate into the active duty and civilian workforce that comprise

the Total Air Force serving and protecting our great nation.

On Tuesday, July 14, a group of Colorado civic leaders — including representatives of local government, business, and education — travelled to Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas, Nevada, to get a first-hand view of the nation's Total Air Force (Active duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilians). Hosted by Brigadier General Samuel "Bo" Mahaney, Air Reserve

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Farewell to a great friend



Rene Simard
Executive Vice President

As you have probably heard and/or read many times, The Aurora Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to *Community First, Business Always*. At the end of July, our community, The Chamber, and his family, lost a beloved member — Kenneth (Ken) C. Melcher.

Ken led an incredible life, always helping others and always present. After “retiring” from the Air Force at Lowry AFB in 1978 as a Chief Master Sergeant, Ken was hired in 1979 at Lowry as an Electronics Equipment Specialist with logistic support of the F-15 and F-16 aircraft — all before truly retiring “officially” with 38-1/2 years of

combined Federal service in 1994.

Following official retirement, Ken went back to work to follow his passion for veterans and community, serving as an officer and/or member of innumerable veteran organizations, community boards/committees where he received many well-deserved awards for his service, dedication, and countless contributions.

As a member of the Chamber family, Ken served as an Ambassador for 21 years, and can be seen in almost every Chamber ribbon cutting photo. He was a very active member of the Defense Council where he served on the executive committee. He also served on the Government Affairs and Transportation Committees. His involvement in The Chamber was second to none! His commitment and passion were acknowledged through many Chamber awards, including the Community Leader Award (2003), the Bob Cardenas Award for

Military Support (2005), and the Ambassador of the Year Award (2002 and 2013).

Ken continued to serve his fellow veterans, his country, his community, and his family until his death on July 31, 2015. He will be missed deeply by his family, his friends, and all those he touched through his tireless efforts and kind heart. ■



Kenneth (Ken) C. Melcher

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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.

DON'T FORGET: “Every employee of a Chamber member is a member of The Chamber”

Please route this issue to your sales reps, account managers, marketing directors, HR and PR departments. You can also access each month's newsletter online at our website, www.aurorachamber.org, so you can forward it to every employee in your company!

Ambassadors Team knows how to have fun, while promoting Chamber programs and businesses

The Chamber's Ambassador Team recently visited a couple of Chamber members and engaged in some unique and fun activities:

Two22 Brew, a neighborhood and family-friendly bar, hosts a Trivia Night every Tuesday, and the Ambassador Team took on the challenge. With two 10-question trivia rounds; the first round was a warmup session, and by round two, they were 'on fire' and made it to the playoffs, winning the final question. You would have thought they had won a gold medal at the Olympics! It was trivial-greatness — and they will most likely return to defend their championship.

Another social gathering took the group on a totally different path — to the **Lead Valley Range/Firearm Accuracy Safety Training** in Byers, Colo. The Rotkovich family runs the

facility, and gave the Ambassador team a weapon safety review, a tour of the firing range area, and an opportunity to shoot a pistol or shotgun. The night was highlighted by viewing a beautiful sunset at the top of the property.

The Ambassador Team serves as volunteers, increasing membership renewals, welcoming new members, and promoting existing Chamber programs — while also having some fun!

To learn more about the Chamber's Ambassador Program, go to www.aurorachamber.org/committees/ambassador-team. ■



Members of the Chamber's Ambassador Team, at the Lead Valley Range/Firearm Academy Safety Training in Byers, Colo.



DIA DEVELOPMENT (con't)

- Denver provides Adams County with upfront payment of \$10 million
 - DIA retains all lease revenue from new commercial businesses
 - Denver and Adams County communities create a regional entity to jointly market Aerotropolis
 - DIA does not seek new commercial businesses that would compete with the nearby Anschutz Medical Campus and Fitzsimons Innovation Campus in Aurora
 - Residential development restrictions
 - Denver may still develop accessory uses and natural resources
 - Noise restrictions
- Economic benefits of the new agreement include an estimated tax revenue of \$150-\$270 million in the first 30 years and 12,000 jobs. Colorado will also see an increased opportunity for development on and off airport by removing some protectionist restrictions and risk of litigation, ensuring a world-class competitive international airport for decades to come. ■

What has not changed:

- Hotel room development restrictions



Sept. 24, 5-8 pm at the Radisson

The **Taste of The Chamber** is a great way to network — after work — while enjoying a variety of culinary delights. Join fellow Chamber members, new members, and prospective members, at this event that makes for a delicious evening. There will be tasty samplings from an assortment of restaurants in the eastern Metro community, including signature creations, flavorful food samples, cooking demonstrations, and wine tastings.

Get \$10 off your Taste of the Chamber ticket

(individual tickets only, not VIP)

Registering before September 16, 2015.

Register at www.aurorachamber.org/events/calendar September 24.

CIVIC LEADERS (con't)

Personnel Center commander, the group travelled to Nellis in a KC-135 strato-tanker, getting an impressive view of the Grand Canyon along the way.

Once at the base, all of the hard working military were very proud to show off the great work they are doing. Nellis was a frenzy of activity due to the Red Flag air to air combat exercises being held. Varying types of aircraft — including F-15s, F-16s, F-22s, F-35s, AWACs, and B1 Bombers — were launching throughout the visit as part of the exercises.

A highlight of the tour was meeting the pilots and maintenance crews of the world famous Thunderbirds, and watching them launch. In addition, the group learned about the role of Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) — don't call them drones — in combat support. RPA pilots work demanding eight hour shifts, and have been involved in every engagement at some level for more than a decade.

The participating leaders valued the experience, attaining a greater respect and appreciation for the behind-the-scenes operations that keep our nation safe and secure. ■

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events (con't.)

OCTOBER

Government Affairs
October 1 | 7:30 am

Young Professionals
October 2 | 3:30 pm

Business for the Arts
October 6 | 8 am

Transportation
October 7 | 7:30 am

Health Series
October 8 | 8 am

Chamber Master Training
October 14 | 12 pm

Defense Council
October 22 | 7:15 am

Business After-Hours
October 22 | 5-7 pm
Hilton Garden Inn - DIA

Women in Business
October 27 | 12 pm

Board experiences connections, cooking, and a tornado

The annual Chamber Board retreat was held on August 11, at the Expo Recreation Center in Aurora. The group spent the day in a team building activity (cooking) - and getting to know each other through speed networking, hosted by Tony Rayburn with Extreme Relationship Management.

Split into two groups, each had the opportunity to network and to cook. The "lunch" group organized themselves in the kitchen making appetizers, salad, and a delicious shrimp ragout over griddled polenta cakes; while the other half experienced speed networking. After lunch, the groups switched and dessert was created.

During this, everyone learned something about their fellow board members, making them a more cohesive and effective board, focusing on the Chamber's mission of giving voice to the business community and serving as an advocate for its members, and creating a positive business environment that encourages growth and long-term economic vitality.

The day ended with — a tornado warning — which brought the group even closer together, as everyone had to take shelter while the storm passed.

It was an exciting day, filled with positive interactions, great food, and a few surprises. ■

NOTE: Photos from the August 11 Annual Board Retreat (all listed left to right):



*Gary Wheat,
Mayor Steve Hogan,
Tamara Mohamed,
Kevin Hougén,
and Katrina Brink,
Cooking Instructor*



Mitzi Schindler, Dale Mingilton, Mickey Hunt, Shannon Jones, John Adams, Kristi Kleinholz, Louis Salazar, Cheri Prochazka, Katrina Brink, Instructor, Chance Horiuchi, Chris Fasching, Christy Dobson, CJ Whelan, Brittany Rogers, Peter Lee, and Paul Rosenberg

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Jason Altshuler, Todd Trace, and Tom Henley



Dale Mingilton and Randy Berner



Nancy Jackson, Ryan Simpson, Gian Gandolfo, and Kevin Hougen



Linda Lillyblad and Mickey Hunt



Dwight Taylor, Renee Gullickson, Mary Beth Sharp, and Gary Wheat



Rene Simard, Bob Jamieson, Suzanne Pitrusu, and Matt Weber



Cindy Kreutz, Brittany Rogers, and Chris Fasching



Your ticket to a healthy economy

If you're running a business, or working for a business - you don't have a lot of time for things that don't pertain to your business, or your family. However, your health is one of your

most important assets - and if you're a 'boss,' the health of your employees can greatly affect the bottom line for business.

On November 19, Destination Health 2015 changes everything.

This year, attendees will experience a series of short, powerful talks about topics in healthcare that matter to businesses and to individuals - according to a recent survey of Chamber membership:

- An Elephant in the Room: Mental Health
- Stress and Anxiety in the Workplace
- Nutrition
- Worksite Wellness
- Update: The Affordable Care Act for Business
- Marijuana and the Workplace
- Digital Health
- Financial Health Effects on Overall Health
- Health-Related Absenteeism in the Workplace
- Social Determinants of Health
- Healthcare Transparency
- Population Health and the Distribution of Health
- Generational Health
- What is a Medical Home?
- Workers' Comp and Healthy Employees

The event is from 4-7:30 pm, with talks and information you can use from 4-6 pm, followed by a "healthy hour-and-a-half," during which the presenters will be available to engage in conversations with individuals in a casual setting, while enjoying healthy appetizers and wine and beer.

Take a couple of hours; increase your knowledge about how health and a healthy economy are the ticket to success.

Individual tickets are \$20. Sponsorships are also available and offer a variety of benefits, including advertising on the Chamber's website, video production, and a chance to address entire audience. For more information, contact Mitzi.schindler@aurorachamber.org or 303-344-1500. ■

Check out the newest Exclusive Member Discount

The Chamber embraces new ways to provide resources that help turn business goals into reality.



Insperity has been a trusted advisor to businesses across the country for nearly three decades, supporting more than 100,000 businesses with more than two million employees.

Insperity is hosting a *Lunch and Learn* at The Chamber September 30, 11:30 am-1 pm:

People Driven Business: 4 New Rules for High-Value, High-Profit Enterprise. For more information and to register, go to www.aurorachamber.org/calendar September 30 Lunch and Learn.

Insperity offers Chamber members HR relief, by taking on time-consuming human resources tasks, allowing more time for what matters most to you and your business. No matter your HR needs — payroll, recruiting, workers' compensation, benefits, performance management, or retirement — Insperity has specialists with the expertise to advise and support you.

Exclusive Member Discounts can be found at www.aurorachamber.org/services/exclusive-member-discounts.

Two councils, one mission: economic impact

The Aurora Chamber's Defense Council (ADC) and the Colorado Springs Military Affairs Committee (MAC) held a joint meeting at the Colorado Army National Guard Training Facility on June 25.

ADC Chair Lisa Buckley and MAC Chair Major General (retired) Mark Volcheff, provided overviews of their respective areas. The keynote speaker was Colorado's Adjutant General, Major General Mike Edwards, who gave a summary on the April 2015 Military Value and Economic Impact of Department of Defense Activities in Colorado.

Gen. Edwards communicated that Department of Defense (DOD) investment and spending provide Colorado with a defense-oriented "industry," generating significant economic impact. The report shows that the DOD is responsible for 5-7.5 percent of the State's total economy in terms of employment, earnings, and state tax revenues.

DOD-related employment in Colorado is nearly 170,000.

At the end of the meeting, Lisa Buckley received a plaque of gratitude from Chamber President/CEO Kevin Hougen, for serving as the Defense Council Chair June 2012-June 2015.



More than 125 people from the ADC and MAC attended the joint meeting, along with local/state elected officials, business and community leaders, and U.S. Congressional representatives.

UCHealth announces new president and CEO

University of Colorado Health (UCHealth) welcomes Will Cook as the new President and Chief Executive Officer of **University of Colorado Hospital**.

"It's an honor to be named President and CEO for one of the leading hospitals in the nation, let alone the state. **University of Colorado Hospital** is known for its remarkable capabilities in healthcare and is the 'go-to' hospital for complex surgeries and advanced care in the region," said Cook.



Will Cook

Cook brings 20 years of academic healthcare leadership and experience to his new role with **UCH**, coming from University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), where his most recent role was served as senior vice president of UPMC's Health Services Division, chief operating officer of Physician Services, and president of UPMC Mercy.

"Will is going to be a strong asset to **University of Colorado Hospital** and to our patients, the knowledge and experience he brings ensures **UCH** will remain a national leader in health care," said President and CEO of UCHealth Elizabeth Concordia.

Kleinholz is Partner of the Year



Kristi Kleinholz

Kristi Kleinholz, proprietor of the Outback Steakhouse on 2066 S. Abilene St. was recently presented with *Partner of the Year Award* for sales growth, profit growth and community involvement.

Woolley's Classic Suites named one of world's best

Expedia.com released their annual list of the best reviewed hotels in the world and the only U.S. hotel that made the top ten is here in Aurora, Colorado!



Woolley's Classic Suites took the number four spot on the travel website's list, boasting an average 4.9 out of 5 guest rating and 100 percent recommendation rate.

"This truly is an important occasion for the entire community," said Mayor Steve Hogan. "When someone succeeds as well as this project has succeeded, it is an indicator of what the future is going to be in this city."

Expedia.com compiled data over the last year from more than 2 million verified reviews, or reviews that were linked to customers who actually booked a stay at the hotel they were reviewing through Expedia.com.

In addition to the attentive staff, amenities include an indoor pool, a 24-hour fitness center, a bar, a 24-hour business center, free breakfast, free WiFi, and a free airport shuttle. **Woolley's** is located at 16450 E 40th Circle, Aurora, CO 80011.

Superheroes delight patients at Children's Hospital Colorado



Spiderman and Captain America high-five through the window during the Superhero event at Children's Hospital Colorado.

Superheroes were coming down from the rooftop on Aug. 12 at **Children's Hospital Colorado**. The heroes rappelled from the rooftop, down the western-facing windows — surprising and delighting many young patients through the windows.

These Superheroes are actually 'double heroes,' because behind the masks of Batman, Robin, Spiderman, and Captain America, there were **Aurora Police** SWAT team members. This is the second year for the Superheroes event at **Children's**.

Xcel Energy seeks public input about transmission line

As part of a comprehensive plan to strengthen electric service and continue integration of cleaner and renewable energy sources along Colorado's Front Range, **Xcel Energy** is proposing construction of a new, 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line



to connect its existing Pawnee Substation near Brush, Colo., to its Daniels Park Substation south of the Denver metro-area. The 125-mile project is part of the company's Senate Bill 07-100 portfolio and is a critical component of Colorado's long-range transmission plan. It will allow for the interconnection and delivery of new generation resources, including wind power and natural gas, to Front Range customers to meet new load growth and improve local system reliability.

The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity application for the project on April 9, 2015. The company seeks public input at three open houses, Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1, 2015.

For more information, or to submit comments/questions: www.sb100transmission.com or call 303-318-6307. ■

RibbonCuttings



Everest College: A better career, a better life, a better way to get there — Ivan Nikolaeff, Academic Dean, Diane Booren, Director of Services and Mayor Steve Hogan cut the ribbon, welcoming guest to learn more about **Everest College** and their transition to a non-profit institution. With a number of locations to choose from, Everest College is now offering 20 percent lower tuition costs with hands-on training, flexible class scheduling, experienced professionals, modern equipment, student financial planners, career services assistance, learning centers and online courses! www.everest.edu / 303-745-6244. (6.29.15)



Action-oriented, academically excellent — Director Dana Rocha, Stephanie Fisher, and faculty members of **Webster University** welcome the community to their open house on August 13. **Webster University** provides accredited undergraduate and graduate school education to students in Colorado and across the world. With opportunities to study on campus or earn a degree online, academic programs are focused on student success and taught by faculty with professional experience in their academic fields. www.webster.edu/denver / 303-708-8305. (8.13.15)



Plan your big events right here in Aurora! — **Heritage Event Center** opens their doors, welcoming the community to learn more about this new facility. Gregory McDonald, Mayor Steve Hogan, and City Council member Marsha Berzins cut the ribbon to this unique venue. The **Heritage Event Center** features over 35,000 square feet of flexible meeting space that can accommodate events from executive board meetings to conferences and special events. info@heritageeventcenter.org / 303-739-5080. (7.29.15)



Harvard Square Retirement Community's expansion promotes wellness and happiness — Construction started this week on the expansion of Harvard Square Retirement Community. A new, 18,000-square foot memory care building will complement the community's existing assisted living and independent living environments at 10200 E. Harvard Ave. The new building will accommodate up to 40 residents when completed next summer. www.harvardsquare.watermarkcommunities.com/living-choices/villa-memory-care/ (8.13.15)

Two law firms celebrating together — and working for the good of the people



Holding the scissors, Kevin Cahill, Criminal Defense Attorney and Owner of **Law Office of Kevin Cahill, LLC**, cuts the ribbon to his business at 3900 E. Mexico Ave., Ste. 300, Denver, CO 80210. With more than 20 areas of practice related to criminal defense, Cahill has a track record of success — both in getting favorable pre-trial settlements and in receiving positive verdicts when cases do go to court. He received the badge for The National Trial Lawyers: Top 40 Under 40, and is a member of the National College for DUI Defense. www.cahillcriminaldefense.com / 720-445-9887. (6.17.2015)

Jim Bickford of **Bickford Law LLC**, (left of Cahill) cuts his own ribbon immediately following Cahill, for his business at 4255 S. Buckley Rd., Ste. 275, Aurora, CO 80013. Bickford is an experienced attorney representing business and individuals in market and distressed situations. Bickford maintains that the best attorneys are strategic business advisors, and that's the kind of relationship he strives to maintain. His practice areas are real estate, contracts, business formation, business dissolution, insolvency, and bankruptcy. www.bickfordlegal.com / 720-600-6011. (6.17.2015)

Announcing the Leadership Aurora Class of 2015-16



The Leadership Aurora Class of 2015-16 has been selected and will be heading to Breckenridge, Colo., for their team-building retreat September 17-19. Class members are:

John Adams	Colorado Technical University
Rafael Almagro	Kaiser Permanente
Chris Amsler	City of Aurora – Police Department
Kyla Antony	Community College of Aurora
Brian Arnold	High Point Ministries
Sarah Arvin	Aurora Mental Health
Sandra Bond	Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital
Rene Capron	Capron Law, LLC
Gabrielle Cardwell	InnovAge Greater Colorado PACE - Chambers Center
Justin Clark	Visit Aurora
Papa Dia	African Leadership Group
Charles Dukes	Aurora Public Schools
Ryan Dunn	Mile High Spine and Sport
Morgan Gerdes	Southlands Shopping Center
Karen Goldman	City of Aurora – Deputy City Clerk
Jay Grimm	Aurora Public Schools Foundation
Tom Isaacson	Retired, Cherry Creek Schools
Jennifer Just	Kevin Carlson Golf
Kristin Kleinholz	Outback Steakhouse
Noah Lawonn	Advantage Security
Reneé Leon	AutoPros, LLC
Kathryn Lobdell	Procurement Technical Assistance Center
Craig Lyle	Aurora Public Schools – Vista Peak
Farrah Martin	Aman STEAM Academy
Cole Mayer	Adolfson & Peterson Construction
Marcia McGilley	City of Aurora – Small Bus. Development
Tamara Mohamed	Aurora Chamber of Commerce
Chad Neilsen	Wagner Equipment Company
Chanell Reed	City of Aurora – City Council
Joe Rockwell	City of Aurora – Fire Department
Ksenia Shishkovskaja	FirstBank
Karlyn Shorb	Aurora Sister Cities
Brian Sowl	Nelnet
Catherine Trouth	Community College of Aurora
Eric Ward	Pickens Technical College
Maya Wheeler	Consultant
Judith Williams	Purewater Dynamics and the Great American Coffee Co.
Deborah Winans	Community Re-entry Place Inside/Out

Oh Hey, Stanley!



On July 18, **Stanley Marketplace** sponsored a boat at the annual Dragon Boat Festival at Sloan's Lake. Many Chamber members came together as team, rowing their way to a Silver Medal!

The team, named *the Stanley Sailors* included (alphabetical order): Bill Foster, **Ev Studio**; Chad Argentar, **City of Aurora**; Chance Horiuchi, **Aurora Chamber of Commerce**; Elizabeth Brooks, **University of Colorado Denver/Anschutz Medical Campus**; Jason Altshuler, **Westerra Credit Union**; Jeff Nemec, **Southlands Shopping Center**; Josh Hensley, **Aurora Public Schools**; Joyce Rocha, **Southlands Shopping Center**; Lorin Ting, **Stanley Marketplace**; Mark Shaker, **Stanley Marketplace**; Michelle Wolfe, **City of Aurora**; Mitzi Schindler, **Aurora Chamber of Commerce**; Richard Howlett, Nilar; Sarah Wieder, **City of Aurora**; Tamara Mohamed, **Aurora Chamber of Commerce**; Timothy Gonerka, **City of Aurora**; Tony Chacon, **City of Aurora**; Wes Holliman, Mobile Epiphany.

The Stanley Marketplace is a food-centric, community-inspired marketplace, opening early 2016, in the former Stanley Aviation building at 2501 Dallas St., Aurora, CO 80010. ■

MemberRenewals

5280 Financial Services, LLC
Abilene Awards & Logos, Inc.
Academy Roofing, Inc.
Advantage Security, Inc.
Affordable Senior Services, LLC
ALMC Mortgage @ Nova Home Loans
aloft Denver International Airport
American Medical Response of Colorado - D
Artistic Apparel Graphics & Signs
Assurance Fire Systems
Aurora Media Group
Aurora Office of Emergency Management
Aurora Police Department:Aurora Police Association
Bates & Associates, Inc.
Big Frog Custom T's & More
Carrabba's Italian Grill
Cherry Creek Retirement Village
Cherry Creek School District # 5
Coast Technologies LLC
Collins Engineers, Inc.
Colorado Gaming Association
Colorado Insurance Professionals
Comfort Inn Aurora
Comitis Crisis Center, Inc.
Corporex Colorado, LLC
Cunningham Fire Protection District
Developmental Pathways

Fax Aurora
Fire Safety Services
Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority
Friends of Eric Nelson
Glory to Glory Christian Center
Gold's Gym
Graebel Relocation
HomeAdvisor
Insperity
Itec
Job Corps
Les Schwab Tire Center #151
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