

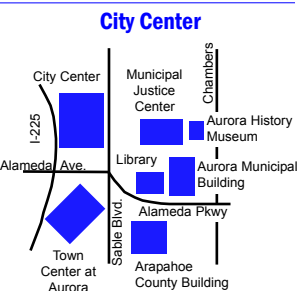
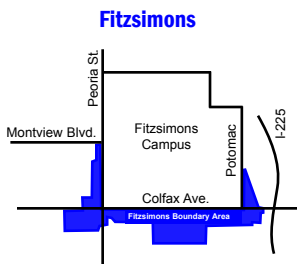
Redevelopment Recap

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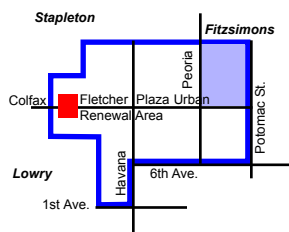


The City of Aurora Urban Renewal Division works to contribute to the urban renewal and revitalization of the three urban renewal areas in the City by securing investment in high-quality development and redevelopment projects that are supported by the community.

Urban Renewal Areas



Fletcher Plaza (Arts District)



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Dillard's opening new store at Town Center at Aurora

Come celebrate the grand opening of Dillard's at Town Center at Aurora with discounts, prizes, and a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, August 9.

The construction of Dillard's is the final phase of a three-phase redevelopment project in the renovation of the Town Center at Aurora, formerly the Aurora Mall, owned by Simon Property Group.

Extensive interior and exterior renovations include, new landscaping, modern interior design, repaved and expanded parking lot, and a new food court. More than \$100 million of private and public money was contributed to this project.

Tickets are on sale to benefit a local charity and admit you to an exclusive pre-opening



of Dillard's at the Town Center at Aurora. As part of the grand opening activities, Dillard's will be hosting an event benefiting Ronald McDonald House charities of Denver on

August 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at Simon Guest Services (inside the mall), Ronald McDonald House (720-382-7205), and the Aurora Chamber (303-344-1500).

Tickets will admit you to the pre-opening of Dillard's, and will include refreshments, entertainment, fashion modeling, games, prizes, and more. Scratch-off cards with a chance to win special discounts, gift cards, or a \$500 shopping spree will also be given out.

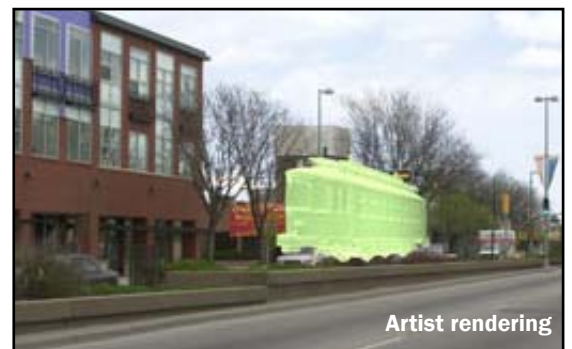
City Council approval gives life to *Ghost Trolley* sculpture

The Aurora City Council approved the commissioning of a sculpture by renowned Colorado artist Lawrence Argent, which is slated to be installed in the Original Aurora Arts District in early 2007.

Ghost Trolley, a 10-foot by 20-foot by 2-foot sculpture depicting a single trolley car, will connect the past, present and future with the simple imagery of the vanished but not forgotten trolley.

Funding for Argent's public art project is made possible through a Community Development Block Grant received by the city's Urban Renewal Division and the Aurora Art in Public Places Program.

Three other public art projects were installed in the summer of 2005 in the Original Aurora Arts District. In addition to Argent's project, a sculpture by Colorado Springs artist Christopher Weed will be



installed in 2007.

These arts-related expenditures are part of the approximately \$54 million in public and private investment that has been committed to the revitalization of Aurora's Arts District corridor, which was established by City Council in 2002.

For more information on the city's Art in Public Places program, log on to www.auroragov.org/publicart.



Free outdoor film series for the whole family!

Only a few shows left in the season!

- August 5 - Coach Carter (PG-13)
- August 12 - King Kong (PG-13)
- August 19 - The Legend of Zorro (PG)

Flicks on the 'FAX is held outside at the MLK Library (9898 E. Colfax Ave.) in the sunken garden. Movies begin at dusk. For more information, call 303-326-8804.

Flicks on the 'FAX is sponsored by the Aurora Credit Union Alliance.

Workshop Points to Profit for Area Artists

A nonprofit community arts organization, The Other Side Arts (TOSA) will collaborate with the Aurora Business Development Center to host "The Business of Art"--a workshop that will address the business topics relevant to local artists.

The workshop is part of TOSA's Artist Development Program designed to enhance artists' professional skills by offering resources and opportunities that promote and nurture the creative process.

Set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, the program will cover the issues essential to every working artist's success, including portfolio presentation and the pricing of artwork, public art opportunities, strategic marketing, legal issues and copyright law, and the financial resources currently available to artists.

Presenters include William Havu, Susan Wick, Greg Katz, Colorado Lawyers for the Arts, Micro Business Development Center, Aurora Business Development Center, and more.

Tickets are \$45 in advance, and \$55 at the door, and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments. The seminar will take place at TOSA, located at 1400 Dallas St., in Aurora. For more information, call 720-276-2335, or visit www.theothersidearts.org.

Business financing seminars being offered at Business Development Center

Whether you are starting, building, or expanding a small business, the Aurora Business Development Center offers a variety of seminars to help you realize your entrepreneurial dreams, grow your business or sharpen your business skills.

This month the ABDC is offering a number of seminars on business financing, as well as the basics of getting your business started.

The Basics of Starting a Business
 Tuesday, August 8 6 - 8 p.m.
 ABDC, 9801 E. Colfax Avenue
FREE!

Writing a Winning Business Plan
 Thursday, August 10 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 ABDC, 9801 E. Colfax Avenue
 \$25*

SBA Financing Workshop
 Tuesday, August 15 9 - 11 a.m.
 MLK Library, 9898 E. Colfax Avenue
FREE!

Obtaining Business Financing
 Tuesday, August 22 1 - 4 p.m.
 MLK Library, 9898 E. Colfax Avenue
 \$25*

Meet the Lenders Panel
 Tuesday, August 22 4:30 - 6 p.m.

MLK Library, 9898 E. Colfax Avenue
FREE!

Starting a Restaurant or Food Business
 Thursday, August 24 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 ABDC, 9801 E. Colfax Avenue
 \$25*

For a complete list of seminars, log on to www.aurorabdc.com. The ABDC is located at 9801 E. Colfax, Suite 200. Call 303-326-8690 for more information and to register.

**Package three \$25 seminars and pay only \$60 (payable at first registered class; a voucher will be given upon receipt of payment).*