

AHEC INSIDER

A monthly snapshot of news and happenings
across Auraria Campus

July
2024



Important Dates

Wednesday, July 17
Ashura

Thursday, July 18
All Teams Meeting and ERC
BBQ

Thursday, Aug. 1
Colorado Day

Campus Framework Plan Approval



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**THE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION
COMMITTEE PRESENTS THIS YEAR'S:**

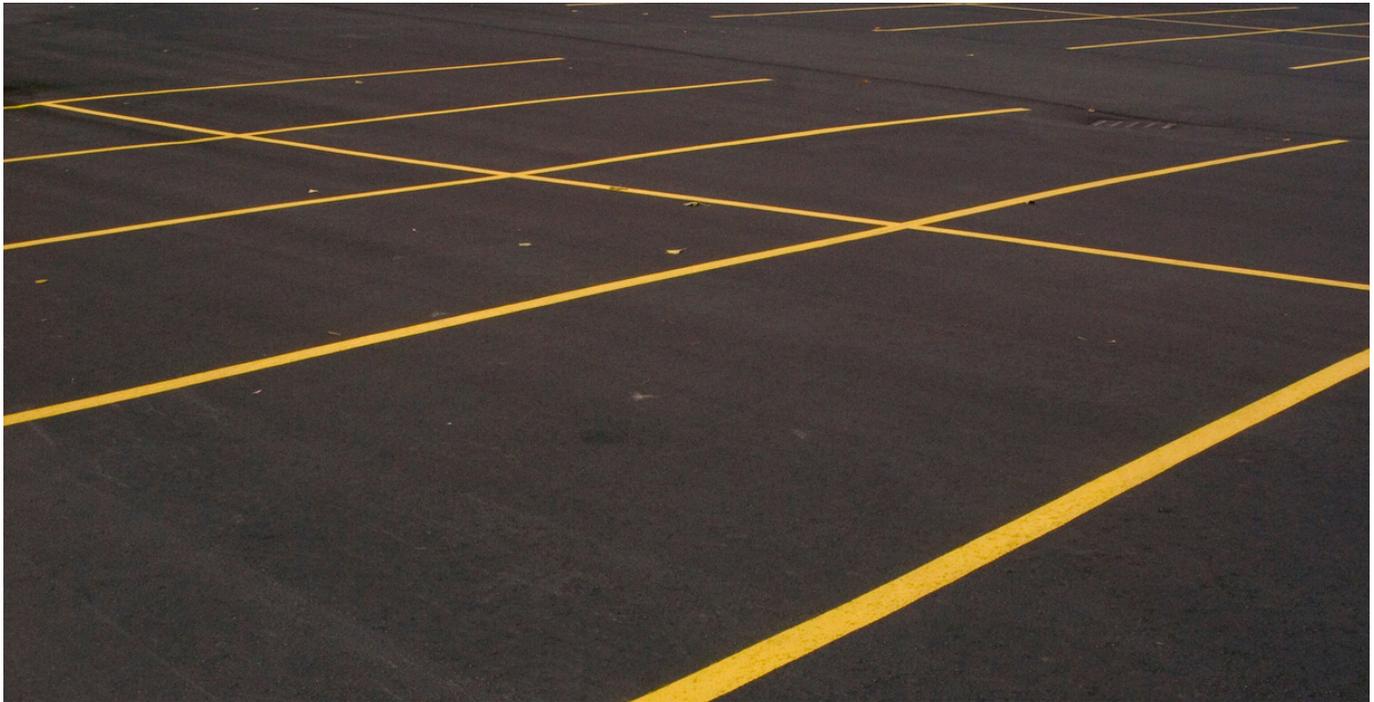
**SAVE THE
DATE!**

**SUMMER
BBQ**

THURSDAY, JULY 18

1:30-3:30 P.M

ST. CAJETAN'S



ANNUAL PARKING RATE INCREASE

Effective July 1, 2024, daily fee parking rates increased by .25 cents. The Auraria Board of Directors approved a three-year rate structure at their March 30, 2022 board meeting to ensure a stable revenue stream for the campus programs and operations supported by the parking auxiliary enterprise. The three-year rate structure included a rate adjustment to the daily parking fee of \$0.25 for July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023 and July 1, 2024. The parking rates are now as follows:

BRONZE LOTS- \$5.00

SILVER LOTS- \$6.50

GOLD LOTS- \$8.00

Please be sure to register your vehicle using your Campus ID and vehicle information to avoid paying the Nights and Weekends parking rate. AHEC parking also offers a Parking Passport, which is a pre-paid parking option allowing daily parking with in-and-out privileges in most campus lots at a discounted rate. Full parking info can be found on our website [HERE](#).





PARKING DEPARTMENT REMOVING ALL PHYSICAL PARKING METERS, METERED SPACES TO BE PAID VIA PARKMOBILE

In a major convenience and accessibility move, the AHEC Department of Parking and Transportation will be removing all 316 physical parking meters and will instead require payment for metered spaces be paid via ParkMobile.

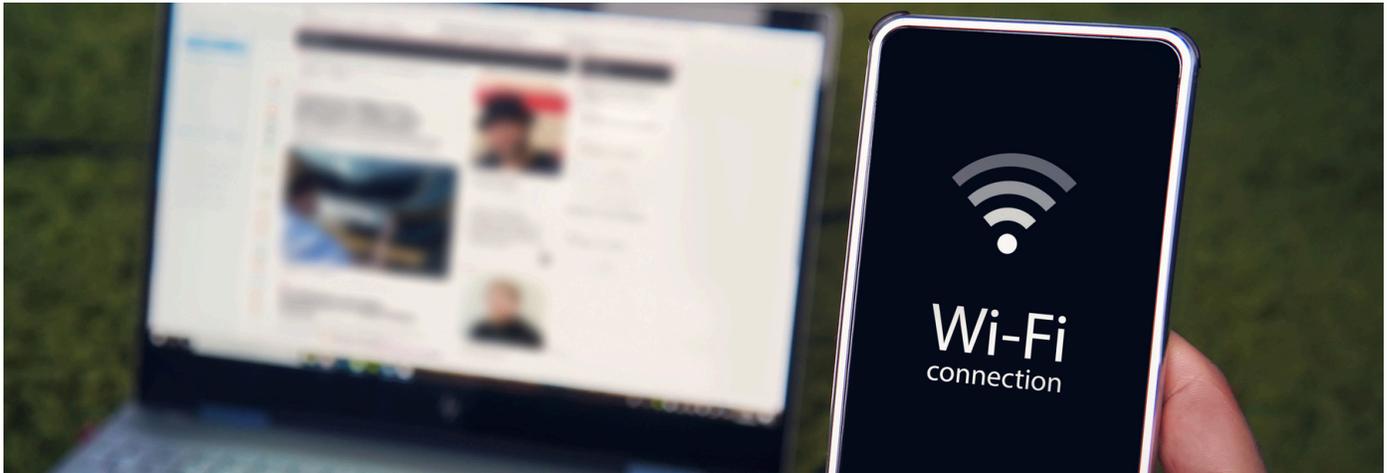
The removal of the physical meters will begin the second week of June. Once removed, everyone will need to pay for metered parking spaces via ParkMobile. ParkMobile offers three easy and convenient ways to pay for metered spaces, which are the same as any of the other AHEC parking lots and garages.

Employees can either pay via the free ParkMobile App by entering the zone number and payment information, by visiting [ParkMobile.io](https://parkmobile.io) or by scanning the QR code on the metered signage, or by texting "Park" to 77223. Customers without a smartphone can call 877-727-5951 for payment.

This move to ParkMobile only metered parking represents a major upgrade in accessibility and convenience for everyone. With ParkMobile parking, those using metered spaces no longer need to monitor the physical meters, as they can track and add time to their meter via their mobile device. All metered spaces will always be available since meters will no longer need to be under repair.

It also represents an accessibility upgrade, as users have the comfortability of managing parking on their mobile device, and don't need to deal with needing to reach a physical meter, view prompts on the meter, or deal with faulty or frozen equipment.

Questions regarding the switch to ParkMobile meters can be directed to the AHEC Parking and Transportation office by calling 303-556-2003 or emailing ahec_parking@ahec.edu.



INTRODUCING AURARIA NET 2.0 CAMPUS WI-FI

AHEC, along with CU Denver, MSU Denver, and CCD, will be making changes to the campus' Wi-Fi networks. Instead of each building and institution having its own network, AurariaNet and AurariaNet Guest will be a centralized network across the Auraria campus, meaning you will no longer need to log in and out between buildings.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

The Arts building was the first to be equipped with AurariaNet beginning in April 2024. Additional buildings will be updated during the summer months, starting July 1. Some buildings will require physical upgrades; thus, the project is expected to run until 2025.

With this, AurariaNet will have faster bandwidth, going from nine channels to one, with secure connections for each institution's students to log in with their email addresses. This will not impact the network range.

HOW TO GET STARTED

. On a computer

- Click on the internet icon on the Wi-Fi icon in the top right menu.
- You should see AurariaNet. Select this option.
- Enter your full AHEC email and password
- Select "connect automatically" so that you will not have to enter your login details again

. On a cell phone

- Go to the settings and click "Wi-Fi"
- Select the AurariaNet option
- Enter your full AHEC email and password
- Most phones will remember a network you log into, so you won't need to log in again



AURARIA CAMPUS CELEBRATES THE COMPLETION AND APPROVAL OF THE CAMPUS FRAMEWORK PLAN

The Auraria Campus celebrated the completion and approval of the new Campus Framework Plan, previously the Master Plan. The Framework Plan was approved during the Auraria Board of Directors meeting on June 26, 2024.

“It’s exciting to see the Auraria Campus Framework Plan finalized not only for the campus but the entire community. This plan highlights key elements of the Auraria Strategic Plan guiding the next chapters of evolution for Colorado’s largest urban campus,” said Tracy Huggins, Chair of the Auraria Board of Directors.

To develop this framework, the Auraria Campus leadership engaged extensively with staff, students, and the broader community, through over 80 engagement touchpoints, town halls, and public office hours. The process included robust conversations with the displaced communities, over 30 community meetings, and nearly 560 online survey responses, ensuring an inclusive campus framework that honors Auraria’s rich diversity and history.

The framework was a collaborative effort between Auraria Higher Education Center, Community College of Denver, University of Colorado Denver, Metropolitan State University of Denver, and Auraria communities and led by national planning consultant firm, Sasaki. The plan recommends a set of Big Ideas to anchor future developments while allowing flexibility. For full information on the approval of the plan, and to see more about the plan itself, please visit our website [HERE](#).