

City and County of Broomfield, Colorado

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

To:

Mayor and City Council Charles Ozaki, City and County Manager Rosann Doran, Public Information Director From: Prepared by:

Meeting Date		Agenda Category	Agenda Item #		
February 12, 2013		Manager's Report	12(a)		
Agenda Title:	Monthly City and County Manager's Report				
		Summary			
• The report is a	a monthly summary	of staff activities, projects and events.			
Prior Council Action					
N/A					
		Financial Considerations			
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		Alternatives			
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City & County Manager's Report

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FYI ...



Call for entries

Broomfield's Public Art Committee has begun its annual search for public art submissions for its art on loan program, "Art for Awhile." The deadline to submit applications is March 6, 2013.

Selected pieces will be displayed for a predetermined period of time on one wall of the

1STBANK Center in Broomfield and may be offered for sale. The venue provides maximum exposure for art in one place during a variety of entertainment offerings.

"Art for Awhile" offers artists increased public exposure and the opportunity to sell the artwork, with a percentage of the sale retained by the committee to be used for Broomfield's permanent collection.

Visit <u>www.broomfieldpublicart.com</u> learn more about the program and fill out the application.

Closed - On Monday, Feb. 18, 2013, City and County offices and the library will be closed for Presidents Day. The Derda Center and Community Center will be open regular hours.

Foundation grant helps solve dilemma

Frequently, patrons of Broomfield's transportation services like Easy Ride and the older adult trips are in oversized or custom scooters. Sometimes the weight of the scooters combined with the participants is more than the available vehicle lift limit allowed, so it became necessary to find a way to continue to make accommodation for these individuals' transportation needs on organized trips.

The solution came in the form of a new trip procedure to address this need and ensure safety for everyone. Now,

patrons independently transfer to a wheelchair and their scooters are loaded onto the lift and into the vehicle. Then, the individual in the wheelchair is transferred onto the lift and into the vehicle. In some cases, an oversized wheelchair was needed to make this process successful.

With no monies budgeted to purchase oversized wheelchairs, Recreation Services and Senior Services staff wrote a grant proposal requesting funds from the Broomfield Community Foundation. The grant was awarded, providing \$1,300 to purchase three oversized wheelchairs for use in these circumstances.

Problem solved!

Police's Quedenfeld earns national communications certification

In January, Police Communications Specialist Dan Quedenfeld completed the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officers (APCO) Registered Public-Safety Leadership program and will receive his official certification in the coming weeks.

APCO established a leadership certification program, Registered Public-Safety Leader (RPL), which develops and enhances leadership skills and professional presence in group settings.

The year-long program required participants to engage in various group activities, review and update bylaws, regulations, and rules, and participate in a mockup exercise creating, funding, and implementing a plan for consolidation of dispatch centers. These projects allowed participants to learn how to build and manage teams, expand their knowledge base within the Public Safety community, and practice breaking down the barriers that can prevent successful negotiations.

Nationwide, between August 2007 and July 2012, only 178 public-safety communications personnel have received this certification.

Rec Center pass sales reach all-time high

Employees at the Paul Derda Recreation Center were celebrating in January after the 2012-2013 Holiday Pass Special closed. When the dust settled and the numbers were in, this year's pass specials went on record as the highest-selling pass special ever.

In addition, the Derda Center seemed much busier over the holidays, which had staff commenting to each other more than once, "Doesn't it seem so much busier this year?" When everything was said and done, numbers indicated that it was the busiest holiday season in history. In fact, the entire 2012 year was the best year to date. Child sitting experienced 3,000 more visits during 2012, a 10% increase over 2011. There were more than 426,000 paid visits to the Derda Center in 2012, a 7% increase over 2011. All this averages to more than 35,000 additional visits each month, which translates to approximately 1,300 visits each day.

Add to that the 1,800 more active pass holders at the end of December, and the equation clearly indicates success and appreciation for the programs and services offered by Recreation Services, underscoring the high marks received in the recent citizen survey.

Looking ahead

Adult winter reading program under way

The Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library's Adult Reading Program, "Snowbound," is under way. Adults 18 and older are encouraged to register for the program and get a reading card to win prizes. Sign up at the Reference Desk on the second floor of the library.

Then, take time to read or listen to five books and submit the completed reading card by March 31 to be eligible for the prize drawing.

Prizes are a Kindle Fire and a Kindle Paperwhite.

At the Library

March 7: Adults can hear about researching and traveling the pioneer trails from Broomfield author and Teen Librarian Frances Bonney Jenner, 7 p.m. She will take attendees back in time to what it might have been like to be alive in 1850, and share how her travels gave her many of the ideas for the characters and plot in her novel, Prairie Journey. Books will be available for purchase and signing. To sign up, stop at the Reference Desk, call 720.887.2350, or email referencedesk@broomfield.org.

March 11: Pathways to Parenting Success workshop covers "Preparing for Adolescence: Tween to Teen" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Facilitators Dan Fox and Harmony Barrett Isaacs give information to increase parents' understanding of adolescent development and its impact on child behavior and family interaction. The program is a partnership with Boulder Psychological Services. For information: 720.217.3270 or the Teen Zone at 720.887.2360.

March 12: Building Strong Families interactive discussion group with the Early Childhood Council, 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the conference room at the library. Information: Kendra Dunn, 303.339,0780 or

kdunn@preventchildabusecolorado.org.

March 14: The Sand Creek Massacre of 1864, presented by Carol Turner, author, historian and history columnist for the Broomfield Enterprise, 7 p.m. Books will be available for purchase and signing. To sign up, stop at the Reference Desk, call 720.887.2350, or email referencedesk@broomfield.org.

Mark the calendar:

- Feb. 14: Lakeshore Café will be serving a Valentine's Day lunch of slow-cooked beef with a horseradish sauce, mashed potatoes and Dutch beets. Dessert will be Cupid's strawberry cake. Entertainment is by Nancy Brace who will be playing her harp. Noon. Call for reservations at 303.464.5526 before Wednesday, Feb. 13 at noon.
- Feb. 23: The Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum's Coffee and Conversations features Congressional Medal of Honor winner George Sakato whose family was interned during World War II. He will share what it was like to be a young Japanese-American during the war and talk about his service with the famed 442nd Combat Infantry Regiment in Italy and France. Bill Zessar will give a pre-talk about the internment of Japanese Americans during the war. Coffee and Conversations are on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. at the museum.

- March 1: Registration begins for a six-week workshop entitled "Confident Parenting." The sessions are on Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. beginning April 6. The workshops are for families with young children. Food and child care are provided. Sessions are at Bal Swan Children's Center, 13th and Cottonwood in Broomfield. The library was awarded a federal grant to implement this collaborative program using the expertise of the Children's Library and Bal Swan Children's Center. Call 720.887.2315 or email LClayton@broomfield.org for more information.
- March 9: Coffee and Conversations at the Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum, 9 to 11 a.m. World War II Army veteran Daniel Pettee, who was wounded while serving with the 399th Infantry Regiment 100th Division in France during 1944, will share his experiences of fighting the Battle of the Bulge.
- April 13: Shred-It event at 6 Garden Center from 9

 a.m. to 2 p.m. Per-vehicle limit of three boxes weighing
 no more than 35 pounds. Shred-It will also take up to
 three 32-gallon trash bags of shredded paper.
- April 20: Earth Day is coming and so is the annual

Earth Day Science Camp for kids ages 6 to 12. Fun science experiments will teach how the earth keeps itself healthy and how individuals can help keep the planet healthy. The camp is from 9 a.m. to noon at the Broomfield Community Center's Lakeshore Room. There are only 50 slots open for the event, so registration is required. Call 303.438.6392 or email sgarcia@broomfield.org and provide the child's name, age and parent/guardian information.

At the 1STBANK Center

- **Feb. 14:** Carrie Underwood with Hunter Hayes, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 22, 23, 24: Further, featuring Phil Lesh and Bob Weir, 8 p.m.
- March 1: Passion Pit with Matt and Kim, 7:30 p.m.
- March 8: Jeff Dunham, 8 p.m.
- March 9: WWE Raw World Tour, 7:30 p.m.
- March 23: Denver Roller Dolls, 7 p.m.
- April 6: Sigur Ros, 8 p.m.

For tickets visit www.tickethorse.com or call 1.866.461.6556.

Departmental updates ...

COMMUNICATIONS

New videos have been posted on the Broomfieldgov YouTube Channel. The videos are produced by Broomfield's video production division and KCCB Channel 8.

Opening of the Metzger Farm Open Space shows the grand opening ceremonies that were well-attended despite the wintery weather. Speakers outline the partnership between the City of Westminster and Broomfield in preserving this historic site at 120th Avenue between Lowell and Zuni.

The recently completed new open space area has two miles of new gravel hiking trails, a fishing dock, picnic pavilion, ponds, designated parking and other improvements.

A second video, *BPD Inside – Academy* presents the Broomfield Police Department's citizen academy from the point of view of the participants and presenters.

The Academy is a hands-on educational effort guided by information presented in a series of three separate blocks.

Each block occurs over five consecutive weeks to comprise the complete trilogy.

The video is a compilation of the Academy segments including Patrol and Communications, Investigations, Special Operations and Specialized Teams, and Detention, Training and Emergency Management.

Finally, Off the Page features Colorado authors Frances Jenner, Broomfield teen librarian, who penned "Prairie Journey" and Stephanie Blake, who talks about her latest book "The Marble Queen." Program host Stacy McKenzie sits down with these local authors to find out about the stories behind their stories.

To see the videos, log onto the Broomfieldgov YouTube channel, Broomfield's Facebook page or find them on demand at

http://broomfield.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id =4.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

Workforce Center – Hiring events and Job Club activities continued in January. The following tables give a snapshot of these activities and the number of people served.

Hiring Events

Employer	Position(s)	Attendees
CMG	Production Operators	2
CMG	Production Operators	1
CMG	Production Operators	5

Job Club

Date	Title	Attendees
1/8/2013	30 Mistakes	35
1/15/2013	Winning Resume	35
1/22/2013	Hidden Job Market	24

MUSEUMS

The Broomfield Depot Museum has its first official college intern. Broomfield resident Christina Tillitz-Egtvedt will be earning college credit by researching Broomfield railroad history and writing a scholarly paper, reading several books on museum interpretation and museum tours, writing a tour script to train museum docents and assisting with collections work. Tillitz-Egtvedt is a senior majoring in history at Metropolitan State University in Denver.

RECREATION SERVICES

Active adults – Broomfield Recreation Services traditionally conducts spring, summer and fall Adult Volleyball sessions. In response to public request, a new Winter Adult Volleyball session began Jan. 13 with seven coed teams and three women's teams practicing and playing until March 17. Whenever possible, Recreation staff tries to respond positively to public requests, by creating and maintaining new programs when interest is expressed.

Athletics – The 2013 season of Broomfield Youth Basketball is under way with 1,350 participants. Practices and games started on Jan. 21 and continue through March. The first major event for participants and their families was the annual Broomfield Youth Basketball Night with the Denver Nuggets on Friday, Feb. 1, at the Pepsi Center where the Nuggets took on the New Orleans Hornets.

Upwards of 400 tickets were sold through Recreation Services for this event. Youth Basketball participants played a short scrimmage game on the Pepsi Center court before the Nuggets and Hornets took over. Two additional Broomfield youth teams watched the Nuggets and Hornets during their pre-game warm-ups from courtside seats.

Additional activities are planned for youth participants:

- Sill-TerHar Motors provides 150 complimentary tickets to two women's and two men's basketball games at CU-Boulder. Youth Basketball participants and their parents attend the game for free, and two teams play a basketball game on the court during halftime at each game.
- Boys' and Girls' Night at Broomfield High School is a fun, annual event where all coaches and Youth Basketball participants who wear their team shirts can get in to the game for free (their families pay). Two teams get to play a game during half time, and other participants get to throw left-over t-shirts from various past sports through Recreation Services up to the people in the stands. This is done at the high school just like it takes place at professional games, and the kids have an absolute blast doing it! The high school students jump up and wave their arms, screaming for a shirt. When they catch one they put it on over their shirts (whether it fits or not).

Not only do the Broomfield Youth Basketball participants benefit from learning and mastering basic basketball skills, sportsmanship and camaraderie, making new friends - they also get to see the skills that they are learning applied in progressively higher levels of play.

Fitness – The 16th annual Spring Fitness Challenge began Jan. 21, with 139 participants. Starting earlier this year, the program is designed to be completed by spring break. This eight-week challenge helps participants set and accomplish personalized weight loss and exercise goals. Weight and body fat loss are monitored, motivating workouts that challenge and change, and nutritional quidance is provided to the registrants.

Prizes and awards are presented along the way through weekly mini-challenges. To win, participants can workout at the Broomfield Community Center for a week, eat out at a Broomfield restaurant and turn in a review on taste, value, service; volunteer for three hours or donate blood, drink a minimum of 64 ounces of water each day and spend 90 minutes in a week doing outdoor workouts, and more. The individual with the greatest percentage of weight loss will win a Recreation Pass for a year.

Gymnastics – The Broomfield Flyers Gymnastics Team through Recreation Services is the largest it has ever been, with 130 participants.

At the Audi...

In the gallery...

Artist David Griffin will have paintings on display in the gallery through Feb. 17. Griffin reports that this show is a retrospective of mainly figurative work, from 1989 to present, that seeks to examine man's relationship to the divine. It is descriptive of the evolution of one artist's style as well as his ongoing attempts to create a visual vocabulary that aids in reconnecting with the Absolute.

Coming next is the art of Ken Langford, Feb. 19 to March 31.

The gallery is located in the lobby of the Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road. Gallery hours are Thursdays 2 to 6 p.m. and Fridays 2 to 5 p.m., Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. and during auditorium events.

Colcannon returns for St. Patrick's Day



Cultural Affairs welcomes the return of Colcannon on Sunday, March 17, at 3 p.m. in the Broomfield Auditorium.

Authentic, joyous Irish music

that's traditional with a touch of chamber music and music hall, Colcannon plays Irish music with panache, warmth and wit. Timeless songs and great musicianship transport the audience to another time and place. Colcannon's appeal appeals to all, regardless of age, gender and ethnic background. Colcannon's true message is the story of the resilient and joyous human spirit.

Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$15 Seniors and Students. Available at the Broomfield Auditorium Box Office Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m., Friday 2 to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., or online at http://www.brownpapertickets.com.

For more information contact the box office at 720.887.2371.

Boulder Chamber Orchestra performs

The Boulder Chamber Orchestra presents "Conjunction and Crown" on Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The concert features Sarunas Jankauskas on clarinet. Selections are Wagner's Siegrried Idyll, Mozart's Clarinet Concerto and Mendelssohn's Symphony No.1. Tickets: \$25/\$18/\$12 from www.boulderchamberorchestra.org.

'Enlightenment Journey' features National Geographic photographer Dick Durrance

Dick Durrance, National Geographic photographer whose photos include combat in Vietnam, global advertising campaigns, the country's national parks and the world's great golf courses will explore with audience members ideas that have emerged from a lifetime spent traveling the world.

Entitled "Dream Like a Champion," Durrance uses stories and insights from his photo assignments to discuss how to use the logical and creative sides of the mind to deal with changes. What he hopes audience members will take away from the talk is a sense of how to create their future by seeing what is in their lives, imagining what can be and then, when necessary, creating a new dream for themselves.

This presentation is free and begins at 7 p.m. RSVP is requested by calling 720.887.2350 or emailing reference@broomfield.org. Location is in the Eisenhower Room at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library, 3 Community Park Road.

Culture Feast concert series in 2013 set

Broomfield's Cultural Affairs Division serves up another Culture Feast for 2013. These free concerts offer patrons a chance to experience a smorgasbord of cultural programming.

March brings Planina and songs of Eastern Europe, followed in April with Opera Colorado's abridged, family friendly version of *The Barber of Seville*. In May, the annual Cinco de Mayo performance from the Fiesta Colorado Dance Company will present ethnic music and colorful costumes to highlight dances representing the ambiance of Colorado and its Hispanic culture.

The Culture Feast concerts are at the Broomfield Auditorium at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month.

