

City and County of Broomfield, Colorado

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

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

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Agenda Title:	Monthly City and County Manager's Report			
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The report is a monthly summary of staff activities, projects and events.				
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City & County Manager's Report

February 2012

TO: Mayor Patrick Quinn and the Broomfield City Council

FROM: Charles Ozaki, City and County Manager

FYI

City receives 21st consecutive award for financial reporting

For the 21st consecutive year, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded Broomfield its prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the city's 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

The Certificate of Achievement is a national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports. Participation in the program and receipt of the award demonstrates Broomfield's commitment to full disclosure of financial information.

GFOA is a nationally recognized professional association of state, provincial and local finance officers in the United States and Canada. Since 1906, GFOA has served the public finance profession and is dedicated to the sound management of government financial resources.

Each year, state and local governments are invited to submit their CAFRs for review as part of the Certificate Program. The Certificate Program, established in 1945, is designed to recognize and encourage excellence in financial reporting. It is a national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports.

Key components recognized through the award program include clarity, comparability and completeness of the financial information presented in the CAFR.

Blizzard bags were just in time!

On Friday, Jan. 27, Meals on Wheels and Broomfield Chamber of Commerce volunteers delivered Blizzard Bags to 79 of the most vulnerable seniors in Broomfield.

Blizzard Bags are a two to three day supply of non-perishable food items and are intended to be

used in the event of a blizzard or other event that prevents seniors from getting out to the store. They were just in time for the snowstorm that brought 18-plus inches of snow to



Broomfield the following Thursday night into Friday.

The bags were first assembled by several volunteers of Senior Resources of Broomfield, Inc. and were delivered by both Meals on Wheels volunteer drivers and volunteers from the TGIF Leads Group with the Broomfield Chamber of Commerce.

This very important effort is sponsored each year by Senior Resources of Broomfield, Inc.

Xcel foundation awards grant for tree planting project

Xcel Energy Foundation has awarded a \$15,000 grant to the Institute for Environmental Solutions (IES) and Broomfield for a tree planting project to

aid environmental health and future economic vitality.

Research shows that consumers will travel farther, more frequently and spend more money in areas where the tree canopy is full and the area is well shaded. Trees improve community health by reducing air pollution, moderating air temperatures, managing storm water, and increasing outdoor activity levels.

Consistent with the emerging mixed-use civic center plan, the area being targeted for a tree planting in April of this year is between the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library parking lot and the North Metro Fire Administration Building. The project committee is seeking matching support and involvement from local businesses and organizations interested in improving Broomfield's environment and economic strength.

Anyone interested in participating in this community project may contact Carol Lyons at 303.388.5211 email <u>Carol@i4es.org</u> or Kathy Schnoor, 303.438.6363 or by email at <u>kschnoor@broomfield.org</u>. the Parks Department at 303-464-5651 for more information.

Courts, HHS, others collaborate in 'Crossover' youth project

Broomfield Combined Courts is collaborating with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the 17th Judicial District and others in a "Broomfield Crossover Youth Project" to provide improved practices and services to youth involved in Delinquency, Dependency and Neglect court proceedings.

A Crossover youth is defined as a child with a delinquency petition or complaint, and with current or past involvement in the child welfare system.

This collaborative effort is designed to improve practices and provide services to youth involved in two or more judicial systems like Probation, HHS, Truancy or Municipal Court.

A team effort, the program requires crucial family involvement. Staff works with families to develop the right plan and services for each family and child. The goal is to avoid stays in detention and provide services and support to keep children with family whenever possible. Efforts are geared to reduce future delinquent behavior by improving

the child's behavior. Everyone works together to assess needs and develop an action plan that includes a role for everyone.

Families and professionals work together on individual case plans whose goals are to reduce the number of youth placed out of their home or in residential or group facilities, reduce the disproportionate representation in the justice system of children of color, and reduce the number of delinquency and dependency adjudications.

The team effort addresses the strengths and needs of the family and youth: the available family support, the youth's school performance, attendance and behavior, and the available support services and resources.

Children who are abused and neglected have a greater chance of involvement in the criminal justice system. By working together, agencies can maximize resources, develop innovative approaches and produce better outcomes for these youth and their families.

Other partners in the project are Broomfield District and Municipal courts, the 17th Judicial District Department of Probation, the District Attorney, Broomfield prosecutors, Broomfield Police Department, CASA of Adams and Broomfield Counties, The Link, Mental Health Partners, area schools and children's legal representatives.

The program is modeled after programs begun in Miami, Los Angeles and Denver in 2008. Broomfield's Crossover Youth Practice Model is partially funded by Georgetown University and the Casey Family Foundation.

Broomfield 4-H'ers attend conference, visit Capitol

Cora Halbach, Alexis Lanzavecchia and Caitlin Lanzavecchia, all members of the Red and Yellow Lions 4-H Club, attended the Colorado 4-H Leadership Development Conference and 4-H Day in Denver at the Capitol last month.

The members attended Think Tank sessions where they brainstormed ideas for "Living without Limits." Ten different Think Tank groups focused on a specific limitation that some youth face today, challenging the 4-H members to think about ways

that people with limitations may view activities and events differently than those who might not experience a limitation. The groups then came up with ways to help accommodate those with limitations which they presented at the Final Rally to the entire conference of approximately 200 of their peers.

In addition, on Monday, Jan. 30, the 4-H members attended 4-H Day at the Capitol, where resolutions were passed in both the House and the Senate declaring the day as 4-H Day at the Capitol. Following the session, the members briefly met with Broomfield Representative Don Beezley in his office.



Partnership with Peak pays off

Broomfield's partnership with Peak Entertainment has paid off in marketing efforts for Recreation Services.

In January, at the end of the NBA strike, Peak donated 600 tickets - 300 for the Feb. 6 game against the Houston Rockets and 300 for the Feb. 20 game against the Minnesota Timberwolves. These tickets were awarded to patrons of four years or more at the Paul Derda Recreation Center who have consistently held and renewed passes over the years.

Eligible patrons were selected from a spreadsheet created by Information Technology staff from the CLASS system, or from questionnaires that patrons could fill out by choice at the Paul Derda Recreation Center front desk. The response to this has been extremely positive.

Care was taken to inform patrons of how these tickets became available, and they were notified of the offer via email. In turn, they requested the number of tickets they would need to take their immediate family to a game.

Grandparents and children's spouses were also invited to participate.

Patrons were notified that their tickets were available through an email that said, "Your tickets are available for you to pick up at the Paul Derda Recreation Center front desk, at your convenience. Enjoy the game, compliments of Peak Entertainment, LLC (Operator of the 1STBANK Center in Broomfield) and the City and County of Broomfield. Thank you for being an important and valued part of our Fitness Family at the Paul Derda Recreation Center!"

The connection between Peak Entertainment and PDRC has been and continues to be a great enticement to purchase a Recreation Pass. It has also significantly raised awareness within the Broomfield community that the City and County of Broomfield and the 1STBANK Center, are interested in contributing to community efforts.

In a separate promotion, the Denver Roller Dolls have agreed to give 100 tickets per bout to the Derda Center to be given out in return for the donation of a particular item needed by a Broomfield charity. The Roller Dolls feature a charity each month during their season, and the Derda Center will coordinate by also contributing to the charity the Dolls choose. The preference at PDRC is to limit donations to local charities. For this project, donations will be collected and tickets dispersed at both Recreation facilities.

During each bout, there will be a message displayed on the big screen at the 1STBANK Center, indicating that the donations at the bout that evening benefit whichever charity was chosen for that evening or month.

Looking ahead

Fire District to celebrate gold LEED certification award

North Metro Fire Rescue District will celebrate its receipt of the gold LEED certification award on Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 5 to 6 p.m. at its new headquarters building, First Avenue and Lamar Street.

The certification, established by the U.S. Green Building Council and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI), recognizes the construction of the District's new Headquarters. LEED is a national program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

The many project partners actively pursued the credits needed. Their efforts resulted in the North Metro Headquarters recognition at the gold level. The credits were given for building and engineering strategies that included a sustainable site, light pollution reduction, water efficiency, energy savings, use of recycled materials and resources and healthy indoor environmental quality.

According to North Metro, the District looks forward to saving money for businesses and taxpayers, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and contributing to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community by using less energy and water.

Broomfield's summer job fair for youth is state's first this year

Area teens and young adults looking for summer jobs are encouraged to attend the annual Youth Summer Job Fair, the state's first for 2012, on Wednesday, Feb.15, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Chateaux at Fox Meadows, 13600 Xavier Street in Broomfield. The fair helps informally kick off the 2012 Governor's Summer Job Hunt, and will be promoted on Channel 9 between 6 and 7:30 a.m. that day during the 9News *Teen Job Line* 9.

There will be full-time and part-time jobs available with wages ranging from \$7.64 per hour, Colorado's new minimum wage, to more than \$10 per hour, according to Christopher Dewhurst of the Broomfield Workforce Center. "More than just providing extra spending money, these jobs offer a boost to your resume and an opportunity to garner valuable work experience while out of school." He said.

Youth Fairs are sponsored by the Governor's Summer Job Hunt, an award-winning program run by state and county Workforce Centers. For more than three decades, the program has been matching young people's skills and interests with employment opportunities and offering a variety of career assistance to teen job seekers.

Participants are encouraged to dress in business attire and bring resumes, reference information and any documents that will help in filling out applications. Over 30 businesses will be in attendance and ready to hire.

At the library

Historic Tales of Rocky Mountain National Park, a program presented by Dan Overholser, is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library, 3 Community Park Road.

How to Plan for Retirement, Social Security and Medicare, a seminar by Reid Johnson, CEO and Certified Financial Planner at MBA Wealth Management, Inc., is scheduled for March 28 at 10 a.m.

Register for these programs at the Reference Desk in person, by calling 720.887.2350, or by emailing referencedesk@broomfield.org.

Classes added to teach how to check out on electronic devices

Those electronic devices can be used to check out books at the library. More "Overdrive eBook"

classes to teach how to do it have been scheduled in February.

Classes are: for Kindles, on Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 2 to 2:45 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 28, starting at 7:30 p.m.; for Nooks, Tuesday, Feb. 21, starting at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 3 to 3:45 p.m.; for smart devices, including Android, iPhone, Blackberry, and Windows Phone, Wednesday, Feb. 29 from 6 to 6:45 p.m. and for iPad, Wednesday, Feb. 29, from 7 to 7:45 p.m.

Registration is required for all classes. Call 720.887.2350 or email referencedesk@broomfield.org

At the 1STBANK Center:

<u>Reprise</u>: Phil Lesh and Friends hit the road for the first time in more than three years with a three-night stand at the 1STBANK Center. The Grateful

Dead's legendary bassist returns with an all-star lineup to on Feb. 16, 17 and 18. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show at 8. Tickets are on sale now.

Feb. 22: Big Time Rush, 7 p.m.

March 3: Harlem Globetrotters, 2 p.m.

March 13: Radiohead, doors at 6:30 p.m.

March 17: Miranda Lambert, 7:30 p.m.

March 18: Kelly Clarkson with Matt Nathanson, 7:30 p.m.

March 31: Caffeine Music Festival, 8 p.m.

For tickets visit www.tickethorse.com or call 866-461-6556.

Capital projects.

Heuer property: After environmental site assessments for the properties at 120th Avenue and Lowell, revealed the need for hazardous waste abatement, MFH Environmental, Inc., was awarded the construction contract, and hazardous waste abatement and building demolition was complete by the end of December 2011. The site has been re-graded to improve drainage, and native seeding was completed in January. SMITH Environmental and Engineering monitored the removal of the hazardous wastes from the Heuer property and two parcels owned by the Broomfield Urban Renewal Authority.

The project is substantially complete.

Lake View Cemetery columbarium: The 2011



budget included funding to add another columbarium unit. The project was expanded to include two foundations so a future

columbarium could be set without disturbing the site and the budget was increased to \$43,000 for the second foundation. The second columbarium

was installed the first week in January. Sod repair will be completed in the spring.

Miscellaneous trail connections: Several short trail connections have been requested by Broomfield residents, most in the vicinity of projects constructed in 2011. An eight-foot wide crusher fines trail along the west side of the East First Avenue access drive at the Broomfield Auditorium and library has been completed.

Trails that have been staked and will be completed as weather permits are:

- An eight-foot concrete trail connection to the southeast edge of the library parking lot expansion
- A six-foot crusher fines trail connection near Cimarron Estates connecting to the Tennyson Street right-of-way and the Walmart access trail
- An eight-foot concrete trail connection from an existing curb ramp to the Anthem Trail along Colorado 7
- An eight-foot concrete and crusher fines trail at Mountain View Boulevard and Colorado 7 connecting to the Anthem Trail.

Northmoor sensory playground: Construction on the site work is nearly completed. The

contractor has some final corrections to make and will do the landscaping and irrigation modifications in the spring when the irrigation system is operational. A portion of the playground is scheduled to be installed as weather allows. The remaining playground pieces are expected to be delivered and installed this month.

Staff continues to work with Bal Swan Children's Center and Two Angels Foundation on the project and is also working with Bal Swan to restripe the parking lot for better handicap parking.

Wildgrass trails: Under the subdivision agreement, Broomfield is required to construct the open space trails shown in the site development plan. The project was phased, and in July, the construction agreement with Arrow-J Landscape and Design, Inc., was approved for Phase 3. The project is complete except for installation of benches and trash receptacles which will be completed when weather permits.

120th Avenue Connection: Relocation of utilities west of the BNSF Railroad by Ricor, Inc., began in June with construction of the sewer line at 116th Avenue and Wadsworth. Water and sewer work related to the relocated Broomfield business was complete prior to the Oct. 15 deadline. The contractor finished the waterline work on 119th Avenue in early January. The work on this phase is complete.

Sewer manhole rehabilitation: The 2011 Budget included funding to rehabilitate existing manholes that have shown signs of deterioration from root intrusion and hydrogen sulfide gas. The project was bid and the council approved a construction contract with Reddog USA, Inc., and work began in late December. The first manholes were five along Main Street that were recoated. Next, work will move to the Lac Amora area. The project is projected to be complete by the end of March, weather permitting.



Other projects in planning and design:

Water quality improvements at Alexx and Michaels Pond: Area residents' concerns about odor and water quality at the pond prompted exploration of possibly dredging the pond. The Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (UDFCD) was considered to be a 50 percent partner in the cost until a review of storm water inflows, storage capacity, flood protection and water quality and habitat issues determined sufficient flood storage existed, precluding UDFCD's participation.

The review of the pond indicated that water remains stagnate because the outflow pipe is very high. To address this issue, UDFCD has agreed to design and construct a pump station that will allow Broomfield to control the water level and protect the trees and vegetation along the north side of the pond. The \$300,000 estimated cost for the pump station will be borne by UDFCD. Construction is expected to begin in early 2012.

Broomfield bridge inspection: The final report has been received. Two bridges need repairs. The work for the Lilac trail pedestrian bridge is covered by warranty and is complete. The scope of work for the Eldorado Boulevard underpass in Interlocken is under review by staff.

Combined Courts remodel, Phase 2: Caseloads for District and County Courts has continued to grow as anticipated, so staff is working on the final design for the Phase 2 Remodel. It involves remodeling a space for the District Attorney, construction of a fifth courtroom and associated secure corridor, cells and a jury deliberation room, a mediation conference room and a front counter for Collections and Probation. Council supported the pre-project review and once design is complete, the project will go to bid.

Dillon Road, South 120th Street turn lane: A dedicated left-turn and through lane for eastbound traffic on Dillon Road will prevent traffic bottlenecks at the intersection. A lengthened right-turn lane for westbound traffic onto South 120th Street will also be developed. Right of way is needed from Boulder County Open Space. Boulder County has indicated it is open to working with Broomfield and that the purchase of the land would need to go through the county's formal land acquisition process. Broomfield's application was presented in August, and was reviewed by the

Boulder County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee. A hearing in front of the County Commission was in January and the commissioners agreed to the land sale. Pending no objections during the protest period, the project will move forward. As the land acquisition process continues through March, final bid plans and utility relocation agreements will be completed. Bidding and utility relocation can begin in the spring once the right-of-way is acquired. Construction is anticipated to take place in spring and summer, 2012.

East 1st Avenue: Widening of East 1st Avenue at Sheridan to address excessive traffic congestion on eastbound 1st Avenue at Sheridan will alleviate the congestion and create better traffic flow. A double left-turn lane and a dedicated eastbound right turn lane are proposed. Only one proposal for the project was received by the deadline, so staff issued a second RFP that went to additional consultants. Proposals were due on Feb. 3, and it is anticipated that an agreement can be awarded in March. If the schedule holds, construction should begin during the summer.

East 18th Avenue storm drainage: A severalyears-old request from a Northmoor resident regarding a surface storm drainage problem near East 18th Avenue and Cottonwood Street was placed in the 2011 CIP budget. Muller Engineering was selected to complete the work. Subsequently, a predesign report indicated that the drainage issues may be starting outside the original area. Muller has submitted final design drawings and staff is making its final review. The project will affect the front yards of three homes on Cedar Street and the side yards of two homes along 18th Avenue. Staff has contacted the homeowners and continues the design review.

Metzger Farm: Staff has reviewed plans for the various improvements proposed on the site including a trailhead parking area, picnic shelter, fishing doc, overlook and trails with connection over Big Dry Creek. The project went out for bid at the beginning of February.

Sheridan Boulevard traffic signal and crosswalk modifications: This project lies between East 9th and East 14th avenues. Muller Engineering was awarded a construction agreement to design pedestrian improvements at the intersections of Sheridan and East 12th, East 13th and East 14th avenues along with an agreement to design the traffic signal and

pedestrian crossing improvements at the north leg of the intersection of East 10th Avenue.

Design includes enhancing intersections by placing curb ramps on the north side of each intersection in the frontage road medians to create refuge areas, and at the sides of Sheridan to allow pedestrian use. The intersections at 10th, 12th, 13th and 14th currently accommodate pedestrian crossings across the south legs of the intersections and across the intersecting streets. Crossings will be added to the north leg of each of the intersections, and the south leg crossings will be removed at 12th and 14th avenues.

Changes to the roadway are not anticipated. Improvements are limited to curb and gutter, sidewalks, curb ramps and medians.

Pedestrian signal improvements will be included at the 13th Avenue traffic signal, and the new signal at 10th Avenue will have a separate pedestrian walking phase and a protective left turn movement for northbound traffic turning westbound.

Vegetation has been trimmed in the medians to improve sight distance. Note: pedestrians can still legally cross at any intersection, marked or unmarked, but Broomfield does not identify the three intersections as safe locations to cross. Pedestrians must yield to traffic at intersections not marked with crosswalks. After the new traffic signal is installed at 10th Avenue and the crosswalk modifications completed, existing crosswalk striping and signage at the intersections will be eliminated.

Design is anticipated to be complete this month. Crosswalk modifications and traffic signal installation will be bid separately in March. Construction agreements are slated for council approval in April, with construction to occur this summer.

120th **Avenue Connection:** Phase 2 of the utility relocation design is under way for the areas east of the railroad. CDOT finalized the roadway alignment in June. Phasing and scheduling of the project design as it relates to the utility relocation on the east side of the railroad right of way has been reviewed. Broomfield's preferred utility relocation alternative was presented to CDOT. It was accepted, and design work on the east side proceeded. CDOT completed a value engineering study for the next phase and the Standard Utility Agreement between Broomfield and CDOT was

executed and approved by the council in December. The design team, CDOT and Broomfield are reviewing progress and formulating the utility relocation schedule for the east side.

120th Avenue gateway improvements: Power lines and pole mounted street lighting on the north side of 120th Avenue between Tennyson Way and Lowell will be removed and power lines buried. New stand-alone street lighting will also be installed. Xcel Energy is currently working on the designs necessary to complete the work. The company's system design and draft undergrounding agreement are under review by Broomfield staff.

Broomfield will need to obtain right-of- way or easements from property owners because the existing right of way is insufficiently sized for the power line burial. The new right-of-way will allow Xcel to proceed and preserve Broomfield's rights under the franchise agreement.

The portion of the project between North Perry and Lowell will need to be coordinated with a potential CDOT FASTER project at 120th and Lowell, so that section may be completed on a different schedule than the work between Tennyson and Perry.

Departmental updates ...

COMMUNICATIONS

From September through December, Broomfield's website saw 805,555 user sessions and 1,815,871 page views.

The top 12 pages, with the number of page views for that same time period are: home page 136,377, library 65,232, employment 52,473, news briefs 27,228, recreation home 26,945, Paul Derda Recreation Center 19,355, assessor 17,117, parcel search and tax inquiry 15,267, police 9,657, library 9,400, A to Z index 8,094 and Workforce Center 7,190.

Broomfield's Facebook showed 677 "likes," up by 56 since the last report, and Twitter had 546 "followers." compared to 475 previously.

The city's fiftieth anniversary history documentary, "Broomfield: Spirit of the American Dream," has been viewed 1,859 times on the "Broomfieldgov" YouTube Channel and on Granicus.

Archived City Council meetings on Granicus have been viewed 665 times in the last four months. Top videos watched September through December are the Workforce Center; police videos including the Detention Center, Police Department Recruitment, Patrol Division, Criminalist, Victim Advocacy, shooting range, Civil Unit and Investigations features. Also among the most viewed were the 2011 Candidate Forum and City Council Meetings.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

Workforce: Aerotek and Stevens Transport held hiring events in January at the Broomfield Workforce Center. They were attended by 89 jobseekers.

Workforce employees Chris Dewhurst, Vanessa Oldham-Barton and Lynelle Mundt will be participating when 9News airs its first Teen Job Line 9 call-in of 2012 on Wednesday, Feb. 15. 9News is doing the call-in as a way to informally kick off the 2012 Governor's Summer Job Hunt. As part of the call-in, 9News will promote the Broomfield Youth Job and Resource Fair, the first one to be held in the state in 2012.

Teen Job Line 9 call-in service will run from 6 to 7:30 a.m. at 9News. Others joining the Broomfield participants to staff the phones include staff from Arapahoe/Douglas Works, the Denver Office of Workforce Development and Julie Berge, state administrator of the Governor's Summer Job Hunt. In addition, Claire Callahan of Workforce Boulder County will be answering viewers' questions via Facebook, but will not be at the table at 9News.

HUMAN RESOURCES (HR)

HR's coordination with Wells Fargo of free personal financial planning sessions for employees enrolled in the money purchase pension plans resulted in 85.3 percent of participants reporting they were satisfied with the sessions.

In an effort to help contain costs to the Medical Care Expense Plan, HR encouraged employees to complete an on-line health risk assessment in 2011. There were 139 employees and 44 spouses who completed the online assessment.

Results showed an overall wellness score of 81, considered "doing excellent," and also included a biometrics overview and lifestyle overview.

Among the 464 employees enrolled in the medical care plan, 28.8 percent qualified for the Well Credit program and 41 percent qualified for the Healthy Rewards program.

HR was also able to record a savings of \$8,000 in 2011 by replacing the vendor's online Wellness Portal with an internally designed and administered portal.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library surpassed 700,000 annual circulation for the first time ever at the end of 2011. Actual was 700,553.

A new gravel path has been constructed linking the North Metro Fire Rescue District (NMFRD) property to the library site. The path will provide foot traffic access and the ability for the public to easily view the "Art for a While" sculptures in the NMFRD garden.

The library is also partnering with the Broomfield Chamber of Commerce's Business Resource Center to provide database access, other resources and small business related classes.

RECREATION SERVICES

Athletics: Youth Basketball, one of the largest of Recreation Service's programs, began Jan. 21. Participants and their parents can get tickets to Youth Basketball Night at the Denver Nuggets on Friday, April 6, when the Nuggets face the Phoenix Suns. Teams will be selling tickets to earn special privileges on the night of the game.

The top two ticket-selling Youth Basketball teams will be invited to play an exhibition game on the Denver Nuggets court before the professional players take the floor. The teams with the third

and fourth best ticket sales will be invited to sit courtside during the warm-ups to see the Nuggets and Phoenix Suns prepare for the game.

Ticket order forms are available to all youth basketball players through email or in person at the Paul Derda Recreation Center and Broomfield Community Center. The entire community is invited to participate. Completed forms are now being accepted at both centers.

It promises to be a fun evening, and the entire Broomfield community is invited to participate.

Climbing wall: The climbing wall has been a popular feature at the Paul Derda Recreation Center each year since opening. In 2011, it averaged 572 drop-in climbing visits a month. Each time a new participant climbs the wall, a safety waiver must be completed. These forms are kept on file. There are currently over 14,000 waivers on file.

Early Learning: For the winter sessions of the program, 154 of the 162 slots available are filled. During January, participants enjoyed the following program highlights:

- Second annual "Messy and Fun Science with Andrea." Kids enjoyed an assortment of science projects exploring everything from natural physics to weather. This enrichment program, designed by Andrea Cording, inspired children to get creative in learning new things about science.
- Popcorn with Parents. Parents and siblings were invited to attend this event two days in January during the last half hour of class. The children helped serve their families and everyone watched a DVD of the 2011 holiday program.
- The Healthy Learning Paths non-profit organization is offering a "Learn Well" program that will take place during three class periods. Featured are "Germ Busters" and "Let's Eat Bananas." Five programs are planned from January through May, 2012.

Registration for the 2012 fall Early Learning program for current participants followed a new and improved lottery system and took place prior to Jan. 10. Beginning Jan. 10, new families had the opportunity to enroll. There are currently 108 participants registered.

Fitness: Fitness programs continued strong at both centers during 2011. The following chart shows the statistics for 2011. These participations include all fitness classes offered.

Total Fitness Participations - 2011

Center	Number of participations	Average per Month		
Paul Derda*	66,519	5,543		
Community*	23,196	1,933		
*Includes Jazzercise and Zoomba				

The annual Spring Fitness Challenge began on Jan. 31 for those participating at the Individual Challenge level, and on Feb. 6 and 7 for the Group Fitness Challenges. Enrollment is full, so two additional groups were added by popular demand. In this program, participants undergo an initial fitness assessment and body fat test, and are retested at the end of eight weeks. The overall winner is the person who loses the largest percentage of body weight. Prize is an individual Recreation Pass for a year.

Those participating on an individual level are required to work out independently three days a week and track their efforts. The Group Challenge segments are led by a certified personal trainer, and include seven to 11 participants per group.

Trainers help participants reach their personal weight loss and exercise goals through motivating workouts and nutritional guidance. Weekly challenges are established by the trainers for the participants and prizes are awarded to the group with the most participants who complete the weekly challenges.

This program has enjoyed sustained interest and participation over the years, producing exciting and long-lasting results for those who are up for the challenge.

Marketing: The annual Holiday Pass Specials concluded Jan. 14, bringing to an end the popular price offered to those new to the Recreation Pass and to returning patrons wishing to renew passes. During the special, many also purchased punch-passes to give away as holiday gifts. Holiday Pass Specials included a season pass to the Broomfield Bay in the cost of a Recreation Pass. Although the specials are now finished, the purchase or renewal of a Recreation Pass will include the season Bay pass until Feb. 29. After that, Bay passes will need to be purchased separately.

Colorado Avalanche Tickets this year were used over the holidays to raise funds for local charities that provided holiday gifts for those in need. A small number of the donated tickets from Peak Entertainment, LLC, were retained to reward returning patrons when they renewed their passes.

Youth and teen: Winter Camp and School's Out both saw new kids come into the programs. The Martin Luther King Jr. Day program, was a popular day for the School's Out offering, and had full enrollment.

Registration for the 2012 Summer Camp in early January brought in 140 registrations using the form provided in the Fall 2011-Winter 2012 Recreation Program Brochure, and 60 using the new, on-line registration system. Both worked effectively, leaving fewer than 10 remaining spots available for Summer Camp 2012.

At the Audi ...

In the gallery...

The Pastel Society of Colorado presents its Plein Air Art Exhibit. 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. The Broomfield Art Guild show continues through the end of the year.

Cultural Affairs presents Razon's 'Evening with a Diva' March 9

Broomfield's Cultural Affairs Division presents Mezzo Soprano Gina Razon on Friday, March 9, at 7 p.m. in the Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road.



An Evening with a Diva is a concert featuring the local Mezzo Soprano who offers traditional favorites from the operatic and Broadway stages.

Selections include music from *Carmen*, *Anything* Goes, *A Little Night Music*, *La Boheme*, *Oklahoma* and *Madame Butterfly* among others. Sassy, sultry and playful, this program of audience favorites is sure to delight.

Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and students. They are available at the Broomfield Auditorium Box Office Thursday between 2 and 6 p.m., Friday between 2 and 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. They can also be purchased online at http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/215389 For more information contact the box office at 720.887.2371.

Mark the calendar

Feb. 18: Marvelous Musicales, 4 p.m. Free. Marvelous Musicales is a project of the Broomfield Music Teachers' Association and the Broomfield Council on the Arts and Humanities. It provides an opportunity for performers of all ages to take the stage at the Broomfield Auditorium for a community music recital at no charge to performers or audience. Donations are encouraged to ensure the continuation of this unique program. To participate in a particular MUSICALE, register with Carol Boyd via e-mail only at ccjh4@aol.com

March 3: Broomfield Music Teachers Association presents its 35th Annual Piano Festival, 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the morning auditions or at the door. Prices are \$10 for adults and \$8 for those under 18 and over 55.

The evening concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Performing will be the students who have won in each division during the afternoon competition. A highlight is the performance of the three afternoon judges, who are piano professors in area universities.

For more information, contact Cheryl Reeder 303.466.1484 or cheryl.reeder@comcast.net

March 7: a Culture Feast performance -Ballet Nouveau Colorado presents Excerpts of Garret Ammon's Rock Ballets, 7 p.m. Tickets are free. Culture Feast is the free concert series presented by Cultural Affairs. In this performance, Ballet Nouveau Colorado presents excerpts of Garrett Ammon's *Rock Ballets* featuring the music of INXS, Queen and David Bowie. The performance will also include a discussion with Artistic Director and choreographer Garrett Ammon.

March 10: the Colorado Bluegrass Music Society presents *Dr. Harlan's Amazing Bluegrass Tonic*, a mixture of classic, contemporary, and original bluegrass music that is specially formulated to cure all your ailments! 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for the public and \$12 for seniors, students and members of the Bluegrass Music Society.

March 15: PHAMALY returns with its presentation of *Cyrano*, 7 p.m. This free presentation by PHAMALY (Physically Handicapped Actors and Musical Artists League) offers a family-friendly version of the full play.

PHAMALY is a theatre group and touring company that performs throughout the greater Denver area. It was formed in 1989 when a group of former students of the Boettcher School in Denver, Colorado, grew frustrated with the lack of theatrical opportunities for people living with disabilities, and decided to create a theatre company that would provide the opportunity to perform to individuals with disabilities.

March 16: Colcannon presents *Joyous Irish Music*, 7 p.m. Tickets: General audience \$15, \$10 seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased in advance at www.brownpapertickets.com or at the Broomfield Auditorium Box Office.

This performance offers authentic, 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 is equally at home on the stage at a folk music festival or performing with a symphony orchestra.

March 24: Ballet Nouveau Colorado presents A Young Person's Guide to Dance, 1 p.m. Tickets are free. A Young Person's Guide to Dance is a journey through the ages of dance that includes wonderful interactive opportunities for the audience.