

## City and County of Broomfield, Colorado

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

To:

Mayor and City Council George Di Ciero, City and County Manager George Di Ciero, City and County Manager From: Prepared by:

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Feb. 22, 2011	Manager's Report	12(a)
Agenda Title: Monthly City and County Manager's Report		
Summary		
The report is a monthly summary of staff activities, projects and events.		
Prior Council Action		
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Financial Considerations		
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Alternatives		
N/A		
Proposed Actions/Recommendations		
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## City & County Manager's Report

February, 2011

TO: Mayor Patrick Quinn and the Broomfield City Council

FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

## Olivia Newton-John hosts benefit concert celebrating John Denver's music, life, induction to Music Hall of Fame on April 21

Legendary pop superstar John Denver will be inducted to the <u>Colorado Music Hall of Fame</u> in a special benefit concert celebrating his music and life, hosted by Olivia Newton-John on Earth Day eve, April 21, at 1STBANK Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets went on sale Friday, Feb. 18.

The evening will feature performances by Olivia Newton-John, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Lee Ann Womack, John Oates and other talents in a commemoration to the late musician.



Notable John Denver hits will be performed by his former band collaborators Bill Danoff of the Starland Vocal band (co-writer of "Take Me Home, Country Roads") and John Sommers (writer of "Thank God I'm A Country Boy").

Composer Lee Holdridge, who has conducted

orchestras for John Denver, Barbra Streisand, and Neil Diamond, will lead the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra in a special tribute performance.

Joining the cavalcade of entertainers will be Colorado artist and protégé of the late Denny Dent, <u>Brian Olsen</u>, who will tap his iconic Art in

Action speedpainting to create a portrait of John Denver live, in just minutes.

As music fans everywhere know, John Denver will



always be associated with the Rocky Mountains and the city of his adopted name. During his 1970s heyday, he was one of the top five selling recording artists in music history.

Notable environmental activists will also join the stage in a commemoration of John Denver's long life dedication to the environment.

Chuck Morris, president and CEO of AEG LIVE Rocky Mountains, said, "Earth Day seems so fitting for the tribute because John used his popularity to promote the environment, his favorite cause over his lifetime."

A portion of the proceeds from the concert will benefit the Cousteau Society, <a href="www.cousteau.org">www.cousteau.org</a> and <a href="www.cousteau.org">Windstar Foundation</a> that John Denver supported, plus the <a href="www.cousteau.org">University of Colorado's</a> School of Music.

The Hall of Fame will also unveil details on the permanent exhibition currently being assembled with the help of the John Denver estate that will encompass the musician's career, his many interests and accomplishments, and musical legacy.

The 1STBANK Center is located at 11450 Broomfield Lane off of U.S 36. It is the permanent home of the Colorado Music Hall of Fame. The venue is managed by Colorado entertainment leaders AEG Live Rocky Mountains and Kroenke Sports Enterprises in a joint venture called Peak Entertainment.

#### FYI

#### Trip to Japan with Sister Cities group

The Broomfield Sister City program is planning a trip in 2011 to Broomfield's sister city, Ueda, Japan. Students and chaperone delegates are being recruited.

The program has provided student exchanges between Ueda, Nagano, Japan and Broomfield in alternating years since 2001. Students in middle or high school are the best age for this opportunity. Visitors are hosted by a Ueda family who will show the Japanese lifestyle through a home stay and day trips organized by the Ueda international exchange committee.

The trip is typically during the first week of August. Students and chaperones tour Tokyo prior to the program week in Ueda.

Cost of the program is approximately \$2,000 for travel to and from Japan, ground transportation and lodging on Tokyo. The homestay in Ueda is free. Limited scholarships are available for groups, teams and parent chaperons.

For more information, contact the Broomfield Sister City Committee at <a href="mailto:broomfieldsistercity@gmail.com">broomfieldsistercity@gmail.com</a>, or call Cultural Affairs Manager Karen Gerrity at 303.464.5835.

# Senior Center plans 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event

Plans are under way for afternoon ceremonies and a tea dance on Sunday, March 20 to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Broomfield Senior Center.

Located on the south end of the Broomfield Community Center at 280 Lamar St., the building opened March 16, 1991, and this year's festivities will have some of the same elements of that day. This year's ceremonies begin in the lobby at 1:30 p.m. Displays and demonstrations are planned, with an afternoon dance from 2 to 4 p.m.

#### At the Library:

- On Friday, March 12, watch Tim Burton's Alice in Wonderland and experience this fun mash up of live action and animation. All ages are welcome, and no registration is required. Seating is limited to 80 and children under 12 must be accompanied by someone 13 or older. Showtime is 6 to 8 p.m.
- Discover Colorado's wild weather at the Library March 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. Registration is required. Observe and investigate weather, learn how cloud types, wind and topography provide clues about weather, and experiment with static electricity using a Van de Graff generator.
- Yu-Gi-Oh! aficionados can show off dueling skills at this tournament for those age 9 to adult.. All levels are welcome, and participants are asked to bring their own Yu-Gi-Oh! cards. There will be prizes for the winners. The date is Wednesday, March 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. Registration is required.
- Join in the NISE Network's celebration of nanoscale science, technology and engineering on Saturday, April 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. Local scientists will lead activities and demonstrations for families of all ages. Registration is required.
- Students in grades 6 to 12 can find out about "Fueling the Body" on Saturday, April 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. Learn how to get the most out of every meal and find out how eating the right food helps improve the brain, athletics and energy levels. Registration is required.
- Pizza and Prose for Teens brings local author Todd Mitchell to the library from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 17, to coach those in grades 6 to 12 interested in writing creative stories with a special focus on character development and dialogue. Todd is the author

of *The Traitor King* and *The Secret to Lying*. The pizza is free. Registration is required.

- Write Out! for teens only will have group sessions on the third Sundays of the month from March to May. Teens in grades 6 to 12 write and share their work, discuss the writing process and look closely at published writing to learn how to improve their own writing. The sessions are from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Register at the Teen Desk.
- A Manga Art Jam is planned on the first Sundays of the month from March through May for students in grades 6 to 12 who like anime and manga. Learn how to draw those big-eyed characters from teen artist Saffron Krahl. She will also give tips on how to capture the essence of manga style in art. Registration is required.
- Early Literacy Kits are available at the library for checkout. Each kit highlights a different early literacy skill to help parents prepare their child for learning how to read. The kits contain books, activities and tips for ideas to expand learning through everyday activities. There are separate kits for babies, toddler and preschoolers.

## Birth certificates available from Central Records Office

Broomfield's Central Records Office is now issuing state-certified copies of birth certificates to individuals who were born in Colorado after 1903. This change took place in January and will enhance services for Broomfield residents by providing additional hours during which individuals may obtain a birth certificate. It also offers a more central and convenient location for individuals also seeking a passport. Broomfield's CACs provide services as a passport acceptance facility.

Certified birth certificates are needed to obtain a Colorado driver's license, identification card or driver's permit, for some employment purposes, U.S. passport applications, school enrollment, extracurricular activities, sports, and to apply for public assistance programs.

Individuals must provide proper identification to receive a copy of a birth certificate. The cost for birth certificates is still \$17.75 for one copy and \$10 for each additional copy of the same record.

The Public Health and Environment Division of Broomfield Department of HHS will continue to issue Death Certificates at 6 Garden Center. The Division will also continue to issue birth certificates for HHS clients.

## Looking ahead

#### At the 1STBANK Center

March 10, 11, 12 – String Cheese Incident, 7 p.m.

March 18 - Ring of Fire 40 Backlash, 6:30 p.m.

March 19 - Roller Dolls Bout 2, 7 p.m.

March 26 – Caffeine 11<sup>th</sup> annual music festival, 8 p.m.

April 21 – Induction of John Denver into the Colorado Music Hall of Fame. 7:30 p.m.

April 30 - Roller Dolls Bout 3, 7 p.m.

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

## Capital projects ...

#### **Broomfield Combined Courts Remodel**

The contractor has completed the new Courtroom 4 and the last two judges' chambers. This has

allowed all five judicial officers, including the new District Court judge, to move into their chambers.

The open office for the division clerks and the supervisor's office will be complete by the end of the month. Also in February, the contractor will



complete work on the expansion of courtroom one, the modifications to the front conference rooms and bathrooms, and implementation of the new security system for the entire building.

The state is providing new furniture for the clerks which should be delivered and installed by the end of February.

#### **New Energy Economy Development - Grant**

Broomfield is under contract with the state Governor's Energy Office for a \$12,500 grant to



purchase 11 LED solar bollard lights to replace problematic electric bollards along the perimeter trail at Broomfield County Commons. The replacement will further an in-progress effort that enables the city to save on electric bills and maintenance costs, and to complete the project one year sooner than anticipated. The bollards were received on November 5, 2010, and installation will be completed by the Parks Services Division by the end of February weather permitting.

## Departmental updates ...

#### RECREATION SERVICES

**Early Learning:** This program is never found wanting for fun and educational activities, and the month of January was no exception.

- Second annual Messy and Fun Science with Andrea – During "Reaching for Reasons" week, Messy and Fun Science arrived with an assortment of science projects exploring everything from natural physics to weather. This was an enrichment program that helped inspire children to get creative and learn new things in a hands-on environment.
- Popcorn with Parents Parents were invited to attend the last hour of their child's preschool class on January 27 and 28 to enjoy popcorn served by the kids, and view the video of their 2010 Holiday Program.

 Healthy Learning Paths – This non-profit organization is offering a "Learn Well" program which includes three Early Learning classes covering subjects such as "Germ Busters" and Let's Eat Bananas!" Five different subjects will be shared in programs from January through May 2011.

*Gymnastics:* On Jan. 15, Broomfield hosted a clinic for coaches, in the gymnastics center at the Paul Derda Recreation Center. There were representatives from 15 of the CARA gymnastics teams throughout the state. This clinic taught the new rules for the 2011 CARA gymnastics season, as well as a 3.5 hour training to improve the coaches' knowledge on spotting and techniques.

The Broomfield Recreation gymnastics staff has an incredibly high level of training and qualifications, and received several compliments about the program after the training. Several teams gave feedback from the training, asking for similar clinics also run by Broomfield staff.

#### Youth and Teens:

- Winter Break Camp for those ages 6 to 12 gave youth safe and supervised fun with their peers. Often, enrollment for Winter Break Camp, Spring Break Out! and School's Out! includes many repeat participants, but Winter Break and School's Out during December and January grew with some registrants who had not previously participated. These programs are popular with parents and youth alike.
- The registration for Spring Break Out March 21-29 is going strong. There are still a few spots remaining.
- Youth Summer Camp is full for 2011.
   Registrations are still being accepted, as there are generally a few last-minute cancellations.

 Teen Adventure Series, a monthly series for youth ages 11 to 17 years, is a cooperative effort by the cities of Broomfield, Northglenn, Thornton, Commerce City and Highland Hills that brings together youth from these agencies for supervised trips.

On Jan. 17, the trip took kids to Winter Park for tubing and pizza at Beau Jo's in Idaho Springs. This outing turned into a real adventure as Eishenhower Pass closed while the group was at Winter Park. On the eighthour trip home, students livened the bus ride with lots of song, dancing when parked, and emergency bathroom breaks. It was a fun, and successful trip!

### At the Audi ...

### In the gallery

The art of David Griffin continues to March 4. Griffin's work is shown in many local galleries. Griffin's work features landscapes across multiple panels.

Beginning March 5 through April 21 is a show by members of the Wheat Ridge Art League. Organized in 1974 and originally sponsored by the City of Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation Department, the league's 40 members use different types of art media, including watercolors, oils, acrylics, and more.

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.

#### Featured

## Culture Feast – Opera!

Broomfield's Cultural Affairs Division serves up a Culture Feast in a new concert series. These free concerts provide an opportunity to experience a smorgasbord of cultural programming in monthly performances through May.

On March 2, at 7 p.m., take a walk down Eureka Street and meet characters from the world of traditional opera.

Who will you meet on Eureka Street? Captivating characters spill out of the doors of the opera house and come to Broomfield to share their toe-tapping tunes, wonderful words and stories from the magical world of opera. This program draws on scenes from opera's funniest tales, building a unique opera with help from student performers.

## Skean Dubh performs March 11

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Celtic rock band Skean Dubh at 7 p.m. on March 11. One of the most enjoyable acoustic Celtic bands in the Rocky Mountain region, Skean Dubh music spans centuries with fire-driven instrumentals, slow aires, Irish pub-songs, and Scottish ballads surrounded by luxurious world beats.

Come for a wine tasting from 6 to 7 p.m. with wine provided by Broomfield's Turquoise Mesa Winery. For more information, call 720.887.2371. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students. They are available online at <a href="https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/">www.brownpapertickets.com/event/</a>

#### Soul Sacrifice recreates Santana

With great passion and precision, Soul Sacrifice faithfully recreates the music of the legendary band Santana on Friday, March 18 at 7 p.m. in the Broomfield Auditorium.

Featuring burning renditions of Latin-infused rock classics such as Oye Como Va, Black Magic Woman, Jingo and Soul Sacrifice; plus breathtaking delivery of guitar ballads including Europa and Samba Pa Ti, Soul Sacrifice captures and delivers up the signature multi-cultural sound and spirit that is Santana.

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#### Mark the calendar

**March 1:** Backstory Theatre Academy presents "Make Believe and Beyond," a class for kindergarten through second graders. Featured are the Bremen Town Musicians by The Brothers Grimm. 7 p.m. Free

**March 5:** Broomfield Fine Arts Festival, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and students.

**March 6:** Colorado Young Sinfonia, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 seniors, \$8 children under 12.

March 7: Backstory Theatre Academy presents "Make Believe and Beyond," a class for kindergarten through second graders. Featured are the Bremen Town Musicians by The Brothers Grimm. 7 p.m. Free March 10: Backstory Theatre Academy presents an advanced performance workshop for third through sixth graders. "The Prince and The Pauper" by Mark Twain, 7 p.m. Free.

March 12: Night of the Stars Community Talent Show, 5 p.m. Tickets \$5 at the door only.

**March 13:** Boulder Philharmonic, 4 p.m. Tickets \$5. Call 303.449.1343, ext. 2.

**March 16:** Backstory Theatre Academy presents its performance workshop for third through sixth graders. "Snow White" by the Brothers Grimm. 7 p.m. Free.

**March 19:** Heritage Irish Stepdancing "Jigcracker!" at 7 p.m. Tickets in advance \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and children under 13. At the door, \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and children under 13. Visit <a href="www.irishbutterfly.com">www.irishbutterfly.com</a> or call 720.747.9377.

**March 20:** Heritage Irish Stepdancing "Jigcracker!" at 3 p.m. Tickets in advance \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and children under 13. At the door, \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and children under 13. Visit <a href="www.irishbutterfly.com">www.irishbutterfly.com</a> or call 720,747,9377.

**March 25:** Rocky Mountain Brassworks, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 seniors and students, \$30 family package. Visit www.rockymountainbrassworks.org.

#### Auditorium ticket sales

The auditorium now sells tickets to those events requiring them at the Broomfield Auditorium on Thursdays and Fridays from 2 to 6 p.m. and during some events when staff is available.

