



# City & County Manager's Report

March 23, 2010

**TO: Mayor Patrick Quinn and the Broomfield City Council**

**FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager**

**FYI**

## ***Police use inmates to save on jail construction costs***

Broomfield Police are currently using inmate workers on the Detention Center construction project and estimating a cost savings from using the inmate workers of about \$40,000 on the detention equipment contract which includes construction of cells, showers, doors, and cameras.



Inmate duties range from clean-up on the site to assisting with the construction of the cells in the detention expansion. They work from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The inmates are supervised by an officer at all times for security and job safety. Inmate workers receive a total of 12 days of good time off their sentence per month. Their sentences generally range from 30 days to 6 months, and they can not have any pending charges, warrants,

holds by other agencies or protection orders against them. These inmates have been sentenced for misdemeanor charges, generally theft, check fraud, DUI, etc.

To qualify for Inmate Worker status, they cannot be charged or have history of any crimes of violence, sexual offenses, escapes, or other serious offenses or attempts. They cannot be sick or have contagious diseases,

In addition, they must have exemplary institutional history at the Broomfield facility and at any previous. They also must have a medical exam to clear them to work.

## ***Bay will open early this spring***

Because both Adams County and Boulder Valley schools dismiss before Memorial Day this year, the Bay will open on Friday, May 28 instead of the customary "Saturday before Memorial Day" opening on May 29. With the schools dismissing early, life guarding staff will be available to offer this extra day to the community for the summer 2010 season.

## ***Community Center pool closed for repairs; more closures set***

The Broomfield Community Center pool was closed March 22 to 28 for maintenance. During the week, maintenance included: grate and pump work, installation of emergency shut offs for the

pumps, change over from all the old pool mechanical equipment to the new equipment - boiler, pumps, filter, and chemical automation.

Staff power washed all decks, walls, and the pool, re-painted decks and various spaces in the pool area and repaired the rope swing. They put up new kites on ceiling, cleaned lights, cleaned out all storage areas and repaired the vinyl liner.

Also during the closure, tiles in the locker rooms were replaced or repaired, and they deep cleaned showers and vents, and applied anti-slip application to floors in the locker rooms.

Utilities helped drain the pool and fill it back up.

More closures for maintenance are scheduled. Renovations on the Skate Park are scheduled to begin April 1, weather permitting. The targeted re-open date for the park is the first week of June.

The indoor playground at the Paul Derda Recreation Center will be closed April 1 to 4 for repairs.

The date for the annual maintenance closure at the Paul Derda Recreation Center is August 23 to 29. During that time, the Broomfield Community Center and the Broomfield Bay will remain open.

### ***Bob Davis recognized for service to Land Use Review Commission***

Land Use Review Commissioner Bob Davis was recognized with a plaque and praise for his service at his final meeting on Monday, March 8. Davis, who has served on the Land Use Review Commission (LURC) since December of 1997, has decided to retire.

LURC Chairman Tom Silvers noted that Davis dedicated himself to ensuring the City and County of Broomfield "always met the highest standards and giving the citizens of Broomfield every chance to be heard."

Among the proposals Davis heard during his tenure were the final phase of the Interlocken Development, Flatiron Crossing mall, Main Street at Flatirons, Flatiron Market Place, the Broadlands, and Aspen Creek. He considered developments for Sun Microsystems, Level3, and Ball when they moved to Broomfield.

Davis was involved in creating the 2005 Broomfield Comprehensive Plan, and reviewed the Omni Interlocken Hotel and Golf Resort

Preble Creek, Anthem, Highway 7 and Interstate 25 developments, the Broomfield Library, Detention Center and Courthouse complex plans.

He considered two Walmarts, Broomfield Commons, Arista, Children's Hospital, and the Civic Center Master Plan.

Davis was also involved in taking Broomfield from a City to a combined City and County, and participated in the statewide campaign.

"This man has helped changed Broomfield from a sleepy little city of 25,000 to more than doubling in size with all of the right moves. His first love was keeping the Broomfield "Hometown" feeling," Silvers said. He thanked Davis for all of his time, guidance, and expertise through the years. "He will be missed," Silvers concluded.



**Bob Davis receives his recognition plaque from Tom Silvers (right).**

### ***Sustainability task force takes public comment at open house***

Broomfield's Sustainable Community Task Force met with the public during an open house on March 15 at the Broomfield Community Center.

Preliminary draft goals policies and action steps developed by the Task Force were displayed for public review and comment. Approximately 50 residents and Task Force members attended and discussed sustainability recommendations for resource conservation, energy efficiency and alternative energy, economic development, transportation, and community education.

These comments will be discussed at the April 12 Task Force meeting.

Last spring, City Council charged the Task Force with updating the Environmental Stewardship Chapter of Broomfield's 2005 Comprehensive

Plan. The Task Force has been meeting monthly for the last year.

## Looking ahead

### ***Plan now for Spring Cleanup and Household Hazardous Waste Day***

Spring is here and it's time to plan for the city's popular Spring Clean up program. Broomfield will again provide one-day-only curbside pickup of all large non-hazardous items, free.

Western Disposal Services has been contracted to pick up large unusable items from Broomfield residents' curbs on one of the three designated Saturdays, which are April 24, May 1 or 8. Maps will be published in the *Broomfield Enterprise* and shown on the city's Web site and Channel 8 to show the designated pickup day for the areas of the city.

All Spring Cleanup items must be placed at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on the designated Saturday. The contractor will not return to a neighborhood for items placed out after 7 a.m. Western Disposal will sort and recycle scrap metal, unpainted and untreated wood items, and electronic waste from the discards collected. All other items collected will be disposed of as garbage in the solid waste landfill.

The Rotary Clubs of Broomfield and ARC will pick up reusable donations. Marked reusable items such as used clothing, household goods and useable furniture should be placed in a separate location near the front door or porch. Call ARC at 303.238.5263 for reusable item donation information and leave your address with the answering service. Donations should be marked "ARC." A tax deductible donation receipt will be left at the front door. Donors are asked to call before noon on the Thursday before their assigned spring cleanup day.

Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 8 – by appointment only. To make an appointment, call 303.438.6334. Residents are asked to deliver their household hazardous waste items to the Norman Smith Municipal Service Center, 3001 W. 124<sup>th</sup> Ave.

A list of accepted items will be published in the *Broomfield Enterprise* and posted on the city's Web site and Channel 8. This event is for Broomfield residents only. Proof of residency is required to drop offwastes. Examples are driver's license, voter identification, tax certificate, or lease agreement.

### ***Earth Day events***

**March 25:** Ask a Master Gardener one-on-one sessions. This 45-minute session will assist with a wide range of gardening tips. Cost is \$20.

Sessions are scheduled at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library, 3 Community Park Rd., in the Eisenhower Room on the second floor.

**April 12-15:** Several park and school plantings at various Broomfield locations are planned in conjunction with local Scout troops and schools.

**April 17:** Earth Day for Kids from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Broomfield Community Center, 280 Lamar St. Register at 720.887.2286.

### ***April is Poetry Month***

Cultural Affairs and the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library are celebrating Poetry Month in April. All events are in the Eisenhower Room at the Library, 3 Community Park Road.

**April 8:** *How to Write a Poem a Day (in 15 Minutes) and Get It Published*, presented by Bill Roberts. Free. 7 p.m.

Bill Roberts is a retired nuclear scientist who has written ten thousand poems in the last 15 years - a thousand have been published online or in small-press magazines.

In 2009, Roberts had over 100 poems accepted for publication - one nominated for a Pushcart Prize, another for Best of the Net poem of the year. He shows how easy it is to write a poem, more difficult however to get it published....but

there is a method! Adults only please. Contact Roberts at [marcorosie@comcast.net](mailto:marcorosie@comcast.net).

**April 15:** *Many Voices in Broomfield Poetry in Translation*, 7 p.m. Free. This event will feature a variety of poems in their original languages and in English. Poetry will be presented in Latin, Spanish, French, German and Russian. Violinist Kailin Yong will end the evening with Mandarin poetry and music.

**April 18:** *Poetry 101 for Teens*, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free. These two hours will uncover tips for developing a writing process, tricks to increase the depth and energy of original poems, and truths about claiming and living with the name *Poet*.

**April 22:** *Poetry in Action*, 7 p.m. Free. Performance art followed by an open mic. Enjoy harmonica poetry by M.D. Friedman and slam poetry with Andrea Moore. M. D. Friedman is a poet, teacher, musician, photographer, digital artist and web master. His fourth book of poetry, *Where We Reach*, was recently released and combines his poetry with his original photographs and artwork.

Friedman is the founder of the *Internet Poets' Cooperative* Web site which features over 20 free volumes of e-books from poets around the world and over 200 free audio recordings of dozens of Colorado poets reading their own work.

Moore is a poet, theatre artist and photographer. She competed at the national level as part of the Colorado Poetry Slam Team in 2000. She is the co-founder of No One Way Arts Collaborative. Due to adult content this program is recommended for ages 13 and up.

**April 29:** *Poetry 101 for Adults-Tips, Tricks and Truths* with local poet Karen Douglass. Free. During these two hours Douglass will uncover tips for developing a writing process, tricks to increase the depth and energy of original poems, and truths about claiming and living with the name *Poet*.

### **More at the Library:**

**Ongoing:** Conversation Groups @ your library on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m.

English Language Classes for beginners Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and Monday and Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Intermediate classes are Monday and Thursday

from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Advanced classes are Thursday and Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Check at the Reference Desk for openings.

Computer Tutoring is available by calling 720.887.2350 or visit the Reference Desk to schedule. Students meet with a tutor for one to four one-hour sessions. Tutors cover computer fundamentals including basic e-mail, Internet searches, and Windows XP 2002 software including Word and Excel.

Computer skills tutorials are also available through the LearningExpress Library. They are accessible at the library or from a home computer. Go to [www.broomfieldlibrary.org](http://www.broomfieldlibrary.org) and click "Online Resources/Databases" then scroll to LearningExpress Library and choose "Computer Skills."

### **Mark the calendar**

**April 1:** Preschool Easter Party. Two sessions: 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. Meet the Easter Bunny. Games, face painting and inflatables. Registration required. \$7 for residents, \$9 for non-residents. Broomfield Community Center, 280 Lamar St.

**April 3:** Eggstravaganza. At 11:30, March with the Easter Bunny from the Bay to John Shaw Field in Community Park. Children ages 8 and under participate in the annual Egg Scramble at noon. Call 303.464.5501 for more information. Free. (In case of inclement weather location is Broomfield Community Center, 280 Lamar St.)

**April 11:** First annual RACE4Kids' Health. 8 to 11 a.m. Broomfield County Commons Park.

**April 17:** NanoDays, 2 to 4 p.m. NISE Network's annual celebration of nanoscale science, technology and engineering. Local scientists will lead activities and demonstrations for all ages. Registration required: 720.887.2360.

**April 21:** Preschool nature walk at Josh's Pond. 9 to 10 a.m. Take a walk with naturalists and learn about animal and plant life right in Broomfield. Free.

**May 5:** Preschool nature walk at the Broomfield County Commons. Meet at the main shelter. 9 to 10 a.m. Take a walk with naturalists and learn about animal and plant life right in Broomfield. Free.



**May 7:** Broomfield Meals on Wheels basket auction. Silent auction and reception 6 p.m.

followed by live auction. For information or to donate a basket, call 303.464.5527.

## Capital projects ...

### ***Broomfield Community Center Boiler and Pump Room Replacement***

City Council approved the construction agreement with Saunders Construction in October, 2009. The contractor immediately attempted to begin work but after calling for utility locates, a major Xcel Energy electrical distribution line was discovered that was in conflict with the expansion. The electrical line was not located where indicated on existing Xcel Energy maps. The project was put on hold until Xcel Energy could relocate the electrical line.



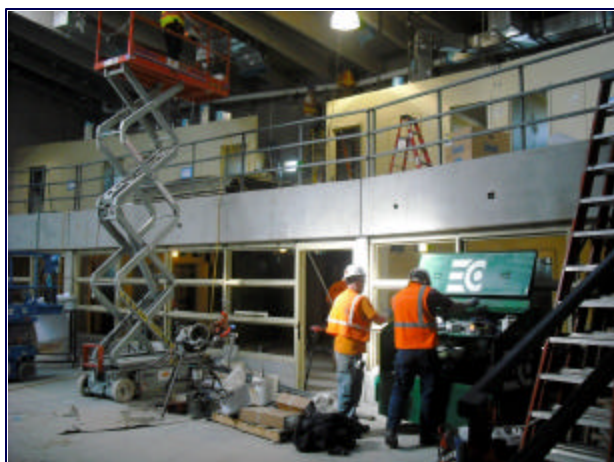
Xcel's relocation work was substantially complete on Jan. 8, 2010, and work on the mechanical room expansion began again on Jan. 11. The building addition is almost complete. The contractor is completing the metal roof, installing mechanical equipment, and grading for a new sidewalk and landscape repair. Conversion to the new boiler and mechanical equipment will require a week shut-down of the pool. This was scheduled for spring break beginning March 21.

### ***Detention Center Expansion***

City Council approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) agreement with Haselden Construction for the construction of the Broomfield Police Department Detention Center Expansion in July, 2009. The work includes a 3,600 square-foot addition to the administration area of the building, a 23,000 square-foot addition to the detention housing area, and approximately 10,000 square feet of remodel to the existing facility. The overall project is proceeding slightly ahead of schedule.

The administration addition, which includes office areas on the upper floor and staff locker rooms on the lower floor, is nearing completion. The contractor anticipates that staff can move into the new administration area the first week of April.

The contractor is installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems in the detention/housing addition. The contractor is also assembling jail cells and installing windows.



## Departmental updates ...

### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Workforce Center** - The Broomfield Workforce Center recently kicked off the 2010 Governor's

Summer Job Hunt with the annual Youth Job and Resource Fair at the 1STBANK Center. Over 40 employers and resource booths were there including the City and County of Broomfield, Water

World, Elitch Gardens, King Soopers, Home Depot, Lowes, Dish Network, and T-Mobile among others. The event was targeted to youth between the ages of 15 and 21. For many, this was their first experience to talk directly with employers in a job fair atmosphere.

### **POLICE**

The annual Neighborhood Watch Block Captain training, this year on March 3, is conducted as an integral part of the program. The training brought about 30 block captains out and featured a panel of experts from the Police Department to provide information and address questions and concerns. The program was the result of prior feedback from the block captains.

Topics discussed included the current crime statistics for 2009, burglary prevention, home security, identity theft, internet safety and sexting, traffic enforcement, solicitors, sex offender registry, and 9-1-1. The importance of each and every citizen taking an active part in crime prevention was also emphasized.

The commitment and participation of this group is a great example of the activities that community policing via the Neighborhood Watch program brings to a supportive and involved community.

### **RECREATION SERVICES**

**Active Adult** – Broomfield's Senior Population showed extensive activity levels in the last month.

- Ten seniors participated in a snowshoeing trip to Eldora Mountain on Feb. 24 and unanimously agreed that this is something they want to do several times next year.
- The SilverSneakers® and Prime Membership participations remain strong and steadily growing. This represents seniors in Broomfield who consistently work hard to stay as active and healthy as possible.
- The Senior Wellness Conference at the Broomfield Community Center on Feb. 26 had 70 participants and 23 vendors. Recreation staff served at the luncheon which was part of the event.
- The Healthy Hearts Walking Program has 72 regular participants that "Walk Across America" figuratively as they walk the track together after a warm-up, Tuesdays and

Thursdays at the Paul Derda Recreation Center. Progress is marked each day on a map displayed at PDRC. They continue twice a week until March 25, at which time they will celebrate their success with a party!

**Athletics** – The Gymnastics program is busting its seams, with 1,040 participants currently enrolled. Of that number, there are 188 girls and 9 boys signed up to compete in CARA Gymnastics competition this year.

- The Broomfield Youth Basketball program is finishing up its active Winter season. This year, Sill-TerHar Motors, Inc., made it possible for participants and their parents, to attend two CU Men's and two Women's Basketball games. Sill-TerHar awarded each participant with one complementary ticket, and additional tickets were available to parents for \$1 each at the ticket office the night of the games.
- The Broomfield Youth Basketball Night with the Denver Nuggets at the Pepsi Center was March 18. Over 300 tickets were purchased through Recreation Services for kids and parents to attend the game against the New Orleans Hornets and watch or participate in the special Nuggets playing floor activities.

**Therapeutic Recreation** – Broomfield's program qualified an adult Special Olympics basketball team for state competition this year. They competed on March 6 at the Gold Crown Field House in Lakewood; placing fifth.

Staff and participants are gearing up for the busy Spring 2010 season, which includes Special Olympics soccer, track and field, swim team, gymnastics, and softball.

### **Youth and Teen -**

- Sixteen acts from Broomfield competed for the *Night of a Thousand Stars* talent show. All made the cut and competed at the regional event on March 12 in Erie.
- Families of the Early Learning pre-school participants made Valentine cards at home and brought them to school. In turn, the valentines were delivered to Children's Hospital on Valentine's Day. This was a meaningful activity on several levels for many people.

## At the Audi ...

### ***In the gallery...***

Colorado Mosaic Artists to April 23. Gallery open Thursdays and Fridays 2 to 6 p.m. and during events.

### ***Featured...***

**March 26:** Colorado Repertory Singers  
*Reel Music*. 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$8, kids 5 and under free.

**March 27:** 4-H competition – plays and skits. 8:30 a.m. Free.

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**April 3:** Boulder Chamber Orchestra plays *The Lyricist* featuring Lindsay Deutsch. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and students. Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road.

**April 7:** Central City Opera - Smooth Operator, 7 p.m. Free. Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road.

**April 9 and 10:** Alpine Chorale plays *Harp Strings* in a collaborative concert with the Legacy High School Chorale and harpist Rachel Starr Ellins. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$13 seniors and students. Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road.

**April 17:** Marvelous Musicales. Free. Donations accepted. Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road.

**April 24:** Aster Women's Chamber Choir presents *The Power of the Pen* in the group's tenth anniversary concert. The program features compositions with texts by Kathrine Lee Bates, Emily Dickinson, Mother Cabrini, Sojourner Truth, and more. 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$15. Recommended for ages 10 and older. Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road.

**April 17:** Chamber Ensemble con Grazia presents an evening of piano trios and piano quintets by Haydn, Duvernoy, Borodin and Gouvy. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10. Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road.

### ***Auditorium ticket sales***

The auditorium now sells tickets to those events requiring them at the Broomfield Auditorium on Fridays from 2 to 5 p.m. and during some events when staff is available.

