



City & County Manager's Report

March 24, 2009

TO: Mayor Patrick Quinn and the Broomfield City Council

FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

FYI



February fun run/walk attracts 173

The fifth annual **CARA Big Game Fun Run/Walk** took place on Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Broomfield County Commons. There were 128 participants of all ages, and many brought their dogs. Because the event took place on soccer fields that were normally used for practice that day, the soccer teams had the option to come run in the race as their work-out for the day. Three Blast soccer teams came to participate, bringing the participation total to 173 individuals. This reflects an increase of 55 participations over last year's event.

Housing Authority seeks residents' comments on CDBG funding plan

Residents have been invited to comment on a consolidated plan for 2009-2010 outlining the city's housing and community development needs and goals for projects that benefit those with low and moderate incomes.

Comments on the plan have been accepted since March 2. Two public comment times were also scheduled: Monday, March 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to the Silver 2 Room of the Broomfield Senior Center and Thursday, March 26 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Eisenhower Room of the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library.

The plan and comments are required for Broomfield to be a recipient of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As a recipient of these federal funds, Broomfield is required to write a Consolidated Plan, including a Housing Needs and Market Analysis, Needs Assessment,

Strategic Plan, Action Plan and Fair Housing Analysis.

For the 2009-2010 funding period, Broomfield proposes funding of \$100,000 for the Housing Rehabilitation Program, \$45,000 for the Mobile Home Repair Program, and \$7,950 for emergency stay hotel vouchers.

A copy of the plan and executive summary may be downloaded from the Housing Authority Web site at www.broomfieldhousing.org. To request a copy of the Executive Summary, call 303.438.6396.

Comments may also be submitted in writing to arrive by 5 p.m. on March 31. Mail comments to Broomfield Housing Authority, 1 DesCombes Dr., Broomfield 80020; fax them to 303.438.6297; or email them to LGibson@broomfield.org.

After public comments have been received, the Plan will be brought to the City Council for approval.

Library teen magazine is top pick

The 411, Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library's e-magazine for teens, was selected by *School Library Journal's* on-line publication as one of their top picks for teen written library newsletters. The announcement came in February.

The on-line magazine is put together by teens from the library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and the library's young adult staff.

The announcement is titled, "What We're Loving: Library 'Zines for Teens," and can be seen at http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6551771.html?&rid=#reg_visitor_id&source=title

Others named were from Harris County, Tex.; Framingham, Mass.; and St. Charles, Ill. Broomfield's *The 411* is listed first.

Coyote seminar will be filmed for Channel 8, Web airings

Open Space and Trails has scheduled another seminar on dealing with coyotes in an urban setting. Mary Ann Bonnell, senior resource specialist with the City of Aurora, will talk about coyote natural history and behavior, the human role in shaping urban coyote behavior, and what residents can do to coexist with coyotes.

The seminar will be videotaped for rebroadcast on Channel 8 and the city's Web site.

The seminar is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

More information is available by calling 303.464.5803.

Channel 8 videos now online

Broomfield's Channel 8 videos are now available to watch on the Web. A new, on demand video page links to more than 150 archived videos produced by KCCB Channel 8. Some videos date back to 2003.

Channel 8 can also be seen live on the Web at www.broomfield.org.

Videos available for on demand viewing include the *American Memories* series which features Broomfield veterans from World War II and Korea talking about their war-time experiences. The Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library's popular interview program series, *Off the Page*, has more than 60 authors featured in the archived videos.

Viewers can also find award winning shows like the Recreation Services series, *Family, Fun and Fitness*, the Police Department's *On the Beat* series and the popular *Green Broomfield* video.

In addition, there are also links to nearly 100 past City Council meetings dating back to the beginning of 2006, and Council concept reviews televised since August 2008.

There are videos of the 911 Memorial, a tour of the Broomfield Event Center and a ride-along in a snow plow as the city clears Broomfield's streets. The author talks from the last three One Book, One Broomfield events are also available on demand. When new locally produced videos go on Channel 8 they will be added to this page.

Another classic historical video available on the on demand video page is the 1956 video, "Birth of a City." It's a video about the founding fathers of Broomfield who brought a concept to reality in the creation of Broomfield. Watch as some 20,000 people tour the first model homes in Broomfield.

The on demand page also offers the ability to search its contents, using words like the name of a featured author, book title, veteran, or the name of a video. Similar searches are available for the online Council videos by entering a specific word that can be found in a past agenda going back to January 2006. The Council video page also offers a sign up for RSS feeds of the agendas and minutes so viewers can get the documents on their desktops when they become available.

The videos are optimized for the best viewing at 320 X 240 pixels, but can be expanded to a full screen mode by double clicking on the video as it plays.

The page can be accessed from a link on Broomfield's KCCB Channel 8 Web page - <http://www.broomfield.org/channel8/>, or by going directly to the page at http://broomfield.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=4

Videos can easily be shared with friends and relatives by emailing the link to the entire video on demand page, or while watching a video, by clicking on "Email a Link."

For those who want to see what is currently on Channel 8, like those who are away from home, those don't get Comcast cable or maybe distant friends and relatives who want to keep up with what is happening in Broomfield, there is also a link on the Web site to watch live.

Looking ahead

Library Friends sale April 18

The Broomfield Library Friends book sale is scheduled Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Auditorium and Library lobbies.

"Gently used", newer books will be accepted for the sale until April 17. Already on hand for sale are mysteries, novels, children's books, paperbacks, cookbooks, special-priced books, and books on just about every topic.

For more information, contact the Library Friends at 720.887.2340.

Annual Earth Day for Kids set

Broomfield's office of the Colorado State University Master Gardeners and Broomfield Environmental Services Division are hosting the annual Earth Day for Kids activity from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 18 at the Broomfield Community Center.

Only 50 slots are available for kids, ages 6 to 12, to be dropped off for an afternoon of fun crafts and activities to promote environmental awareness and resource conservation.

To register, or for more information, call 720.887.2286.

Cultural Affairs continues 'Enlightenment Journeys'

"Enlightenment Journeys," hosted by the Cultural Affairs Division in the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library, continue. The free presentations, inspired by the One Book, One Broomfield choice of *Breakfast with Buddha* by Roland Merullo, pick up in 2009 with presentations Saturdays at 2 p.m. in the Eisenhower Room.

In a special evening performance on April 11, 2009, at 7 PM, JoAn Segal will present her one woman show "*One Old Broad Talks About Life and Death*" in the Broomfield Auditorium as part of this free series.

In honor of this series, the Broomfield Auditorium Gallery will exhibit an art show featuring works that celebrate spirituality by local artists Tim Hogan, Beverly Schiller and Chandra Bezjak. This free exhibit will open from May 1 to May 15, 2009.

For more information call 303.464.5835.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors and students. For more information, call 303,464.5835 or 5829.

Auditorium, HHS host free Couple Connections workshop

The Rocky Mountain Family Council (RMFC) is sponsoring a free communication workshop for married couples and those planning marriage on Saturday, March 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Broomfield Auditorium.

Attendees will learn new communication skills that will increase their chances for a fulfilling marriage. The workshop is designed to help couples communicate more effectively, resolve conflicts with mutual satisfaction, solve troublesome issues without verbal combat, have more fun and friendship in their relationship, deal with the differing expectations brought into marriage and learn how to forgive and move forward.

For more information or to register for the workshop, call 303.466.7150 or visit the RMFC Web site at www.rmfc.org.

Coming to the Event Center:

April 25 and 26 – World Famous Lipizzaner Stallions. Two shows on April 25, one on April 26.

Also visit www.BroomfieldEventCenter.com for more information on upcoming events and ticket information.

Kudos

Library program gets compliment

A new service that began last fall through the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library's Young Adult Department has garnered praise from Nicole Weiss from the Broomfield Work Force Center.

The tutoring program brings volunteer tutors to assist with individuals, mostly teens, who are working towards their GED. This note refers to an adult who made use of the program.

Weiss wrote:

"One of our WIA client's, who attended your weekly GED classes received her GED yesterday. The Work Force Center has been working with her for about a year to get this GED. I would like to thank you and the staff at the library for making the service available. Our client was delighted when she called after getting her results. I asked her if the tutoring at the library was helpful and she said yes. Again, thanks for this valuable service."

The note was sent to Fran Jenner, co-manager of the Young Adult Department.

Capital projects ...



Detention Center and Training Facility

Following the March 10 update to the City Council, staff is working toward a Guaranteed Maximum Price contract with Haselden Construction to be presented for consideration in May 2009.

Sally port improvements

Funding for the Police Department and Combined Courts building sally port Improvements was included with the Council approved funding for the Police Detention and Police Training Facility in June. The Sally Port improvements include structural masonry walls and detention grade security gates on the exterior of the north side of the Police/Courts Building to create a 2,670 square foot secure outdoor space to allow

detainee transfers to be completed in a secure and private area.

Haselden Construction is the contractor. February was a very productive month for the project. The structure foundation and masonry walls are complete.

Haselden will be completing finish work, security controls, and site restoration work during March. The specialty security doors are ordered and will be delivered in late April. They will be installed and painted at that time and the Sally Port will be substantially complete. Training and testing will occur throughout the month of May.

2009 waterline replacement and reuse projects

The 2009 Waterline Replacement and Reuse Waterline Project was approved by City Council at the Jan. 27 Council meeting. The contractor has started work on the reuse segments of the project.

Waterline Replacements: This program is scheduled to begin in April when, historically, the weather is more consistent. Domestic lines affected are in Daphne St., Midway, Balboa, Cedar and Monterrey courts and Carr St.

Reuse Waterline Installation: The 24-inch reuse waterline segment is the portion of the reuse line from 2008 that could not be completed due to easement issues with the land owner. Permission

to work was obtained in late January and the contractor was able to mobilize to the Wildgrass site. The remaining mainline segment and connection vault will be installed.

The Northern line connection for raw water and a reuse connection started in March, and the reuse connection on the east side of Wildgrass is in process.

Departmental updates ...

POLICE

Emergency Management Division – Public Education Coordinator Joleen Reeve hosted a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Training Wednesday, March 18, at Police Headquarters for 30 block captains from the community.

Chief Tom Deland opened the meeting by welcoming approximately the captains and then turned the meeting back to staff for discussion topics that included: "Internet Safety - Protecting Ourselves and Our Children," presented by Det. Derek Mayer and School Resource Officer Dale Hammell; and "Citizen Notification - Branching Out With Wireless Capabilities," presented by Communications Supervisor Brian Goeman. The block captains will take back this information to individual neighborhoods and distributed to participants of the Neighborhood Watch program. It will also be sent to block captains who were unable to attend. The meeting closed with an open forum for answering questions and addressing neighborhood concerns.

Block captain training occurs twice a year and is an integral part of the success of the program. The next training will be scheduled in the fall of 2009. The Neighborhood Watch program has grown over the past few years and today includes over 200 active block captains and involves approximately 4,000 homes.

PUBLIC WORKS

Environmental Services - To promote water conservation and teach residents the fundamentals of Xeriscaping in Colorado's arid environment, the Environmental Services Division, the Colorado State University Master Gardeners and the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library presented two Xeriscape lectures on March 7 and 10, and three one-on-one sessions for Broomfield residents on March 17, 24, and 31 at the library.

More than 40 residents attended to learn ways to update their yards or gardens to reduce water consumption. One-on-one sessions were available to residents to provide guidance and ideas to address particular challenges they have with their own yards and gardens. Two of the latest and greatest Xeriscape books were awarded as door prizes at each lecture. A large assortment of xeric landscaping books were also on display for quick check out from the library. The books instruct the readers to design and install a beautiful landscape that is water-efficient, low maintenance, and environmentally appropriate for Colorado's arid climate.

RECREATION SERVICES

Active Adult Senior Programs– The tenth annual Senior Wellness Conference in February at the Broomfield Community Center brought 125 people in for lunch, massages, a health walk and education regarding healthy living for seniors. The keynote speaker was Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald from the TV series "Emergency Vets." Also participating were 32 vendors representing varying aspects of wellness and health.

Athletics - Youth Basketball Night at the Broomfield Events Center in February sold over 800 tickets. The youth basketball and gymnastics teams and their parents were in attendance to see Broomfield youngsters celebrated.

Activities included:

- 🎯 Fan Tunnel participation for six teams of Broomfield youth players.
- 🎯 Pre-game "View from the Bench" where 40 young players got to sit on the floor during the 14ers warm-up time.
- 🎯 A performance during the quarter break, by the Broomfield Flyers Gymnastic Team from the Paul Derda Recreation Center.
- 🎯 Goodie bags, which included items donated by the 14ers (free jerseys plus more) for three lucky participants.

- Half-time on-court basketball between two Broomfield Youth Basketball teams.

Early Learning – March 9 to 13 was “Community Helpers Week” for the Early Learning program for youngsters ages 3 to 5. Scheduled activities included visits from community professionals including a dentist, nutritionist, fitness expert and lifeguard. These guests shared information with the Early Learners regarding the importance of healthy living.

Fitness – This year’s annual Spring Fitness Challenge is underway until its completion the week of April 12. There are 13 challenge groups with eight participants in each, and 11 individuals participating. The benefits stemming from this program are physical and strong emotional support and camaraderie to help participants work towards improving their overall health. In the group challenges, friendships are developed that last long after the challenge is completed.

Registration began March 17 for the ninth annual Mini Haha Triathlon. This program has been a success and very popular from its inception. The Mini Haha provides Broomfield residents the opportunity to improve their present level of health and fitness, develop new or better health habits, and/or participate in a new challenge. Clinics and training classes are also offered to help participants as they prepare for this event.

Marketing – Taping of another segment of the Channel 8 Recreation videos was completed in February. This segment features patrons of all ages at the Paul Derda Recreation Center. Participants expressed how their membership at the facility, provides them with a “variety of fun, high quality, and safe recreational and leisure opportunities,” as well as “enhancing their quality of life by promoting good health, well-being, and a strong sense of community” as elucidated in the Recreation Services Mission Statement. The new segment will be aired and available on the Web in April.

At the Audi ...

In the gallery

Wheat Ridge Art League, now in its 35th year, will exhibit until May 1 in the Auditorium gallery from 2 to 5 p.m. on Fridays and during Broomfield Auditorium events.

Auditorium Events:

April 1, 7 p.m. Free. Cultural Affairs continues its new series “Diggin’ Roots” with the Folkaltones trio. Opening for the Folkaltones are “Cooler Than Kyle” and “J-Walking” from the Academy of Rock, located in Broomfield. Students play in a band, learn songs by their favorite artists, learn original song writing and record a professional cd.

April 2, 10 a.m. \$3.50. Imagination Makers theater company and Cultural Affairs present "Poetrees And Other Verses From Nature," a play promoting earth appreciation. Imagination Makers is an internationally acclaimed, professional company presenting innovative theater that is both entertaining and emotionally powerful.

April 2, 7 p.m. Free. Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library's Science Sights And Sounds.

Pre-show activity in the auditorium lobby beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are available starting at 6 p.m. at the Box Office

April 3, 7:30 p.m. \$20 general admission, \$10 students/seniors, under 12 free. Boulder Chamber Orchestra presents The Nationalists, a musical soirée with David Korevaar. Music Selections: Prokofiev -Overture on Hebrew Themes for Piano, Clarinet, and String Quartet, Op. 34; Dohnanyi - Sextet for Piano, Horn, Clarinet, and String Trio; Dvorak -Wind Serenade. Featured Musicians: Piano -David Korevaar; Winds -Antero Winds; Bass -Kevin Sylves Call 303.483.1278 or visit info@boulderchamberorchestra.org for more information and tickets.

April 4, 7 p.m. Tickets \$12/\$10 from www.ticketwest, by calling 1.866.464.2626, at King Soopers or at the Auditorium box office on Fridays from 2 to 5 p.m. Bluegrass series features the Blue Canyon Boys and the Stanleytones with their acoustic instruments. 2008 Telluride Band Competition winners, the Blue Canyon Boys have been picking and entertaining audiences with their unique style of bluegrass that blends brother duet-style vocals and hard driving instrumental proficiency. The Stanleytones’ passion for traditional bluegrass has made them into a classic

bluegrass band reminiscent of those early bands of the 50s and 60s, with an added repertoire of original compositions comprised of melodic instrumentals and skillful vocal harmonies.

April 9 and 10, 7 p.m. \$10 Adult, \$7

Students/Seniors at the door, or in advance at the Auditorium Box Office Fridays 2 to 5 p.m.

Broomfield High School Poms' fifth annual end-of-year show "Now More Than Ever." This team of 19 girls ages 14-18, under the direction of Chelsea Pierotti enjoys performing for football, basketball, and soccer games; and they are enormously competitive at both the state and national level.

The Poms were Colorado State Champions in 2006 and 2007, and have never placed below third in the last five years. This show is a showcase of various styles of dance including Pom, Jazz, Lyrical, and Hip Hop, and offers a unique opportunity for the girls to demonstrate their own choreography.

April 11, 1 and 4 p.m. Tickets \$5, students and seniors free. Boulder Ballet presents Side By Side performing portions of their educational outreach program with excerpts from their season.

April 11, 7 p.m. Free. Cultural Affairs presents "One Old Broad Looks At Life And Death" continuing the Enlightenment Journeys with JoAn Segal and her one woman show. This performance features song, dance and spoken word and is a celebration of life and death.

Cultural Affairs presents Poetry Month

Cultural Affairs presents Poetry Month with free activities on Tuesdays during April

Starting with a teen café on Tuesday, April 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., four poets will read from their works and then guide teens in creating their own poetry. This event is in the Eisenhower room at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library.

On April 14, a Cowboy Poetry Reading is open to all in the Broomfield Auditorium Lobby on Tuesday April 14.

April 21 features a very special guest as the main event and an open mic in the Auditorium Lobby.

On April 28, internationally renowned poet and photographer Tom Kumpf will lead a Haiku Poetry workshop in the Eisenhower Room of the library.

Auditorium ticket sales

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

