

City & County Manager's Report

April 22, 2008

TO: Mayor Quinn and the Broomfield City Council

FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

FYI

Wildgrass meeting yields helpful comments

The engineering staff held a neighborhood meeting to update Wildgrass residents on the Broomfield Reservoir. The meeting, at the Wildgrass Community center on April 9, attracted 60 people.

The Master Plan alternatives, proposed reservoir layout and anticipated construction schedule were discussed. Overall, the Wildgrass residents were enthusiastic about the reservoir. They preferred low to moderate uses, such as trails, fishing, and swimming for the area and encouraged Broomfield to select uses that wouldn't disrupt their neighborhood.

Residents also suggested that the trail heads and parking areas be chosen to minimize the impact to the neighborhood.

Name change for CSU Extension

Colorado State University Cooperative Extension has officially changed its name to Colorado State



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University Extension. The reason behind the name change was to shorten the name and make it easier for all to refer to the organization with a simpler term – *Extension*.

There's a new look with a new logo as well, but just because the word *Cooperative* is no longer in

the name doesn't mean the mission of working with counties and communities has changed.

Housing Authority promotes rehab program

Broomfield's Housing Rehabilitation Program is encouraging residents to fix up their homes and lower utility bills. A lower interest loan rate has been announced (1% - 3%) for eligible participants. Project management is also provided to the income-qualified households.

Participants can reduce home energy costs, meet code requirements, make accessibility improvements and repair major systems including heating, plumbing, electrical and roofing. For more information, contact Longs Peak Energy Conservation at 303.441.1716 or visit www.broomfieldhousing.org.

Water system maintenance continues this week and next

Public Works personnel will continue flushing the city's water distribution system through May 3. This procedure is necessary to help maintain the water quality in the distribution system. It is performed by systematically opening fire hydrants throughout the city.

Flushing requires a large amount of water to create a *scouring* effect on the inside of the pipes to remove the sediment in which bacteria may

form. The process improves the taste and odor qualities of the water and helps maintain chlorine residual in the system.

This *scouring* effect may result in some discoloration in the water. If this happens, residents are advised that, although unpleasant to look at, the water is <u>safe</u> to drink. The water should clear up once the system settles down, usually within 24 hours.

Pressure tests will also be performed at each hydrant location again this year. These tests are required by the Insurance Service Office, Inc. (ISO) in order to rate the city's fire suppression system. The ISO rating from 1 to 10 (with 1 being the best), has a direct effect on residential and commercial insurance rates within the Fire District.

Broomfield's present rating is 4, which is considered to be good. ISO ratings below 7 do not affect residential development and commercial development also benefits as the rating is lowered.

Flushing operations began in March and take four to five weeks, requiring the use of approximately 15 million gallons of water. Business, commercial, industrial, and other high traffic areas will be flushed at night between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Residential and lower traffic areas will be flushed during regular working hours.

REMAINING 2008 WATER SYSTEM FLUSHING		
Week Four: April 20-26	Sheridan Blvd. to Zuni St., north of 120 th Ave. and south of W. 136 th Ave.	
Week Five: April 27- May3	Sheridan Blvd. to Zuni St., north of W. 136 th Ave.	

Spring Cleanup event dates begin this weekend

Broomfield residents can look forward to Spring Cleanup on one of three Saturdays: April 26, May 3, or May 10, weather permitting.

This year, two parallel collections will take place, one for waste items and one for reusable items. Residents are encouraged to note the locations where they should leave items for the two different

collections to make sure the right items get to the right collector.

The Broomfield Rotary Clubs and ARC Thrift Store will provide <u>front porch</u> pick-up of clothes and reusable items. Call 303.238.5263 for more information about reusable items.

Again this year, Broomfield has contracted with Western Disposal Services to provide <u>curbside</u> pick-up of large non-hazardous waste items not normally taken by the trash haulers. Residents are asked to pile large waste items at the curb on the Saturday designated for their area of the city. These items will be picked up and taken to the landfill for free!

Information has been posted on www.broomfield.org/environment. It includes a map and a detailed list of accepted and non-accepted items. Additional information is being published in the Broomfield Enterprise and aired on Channel 8's community calendar in April. For more information about waste item pick-up contact 303,438.6334.

Get Fit, Stay Fit Challenge labeled successful

Broomfield's Get Fit Stay Fit Challenge, hosted by America on the Move Broomfield



with support from many local organizations, was deemed a successful effort with 360 individuals registered, and 325 individuals actually participating.

There were 67 men and 258 women joining the effort. Of those, 169 completed five weeks of the challenge, and 112 completed the entire nineweek event.

There were 33 participants who lost 5% or more of their body weight, a medically significant result. In addition, 74 lost 2% or more of their body weight, and 100 lost body weight or maintained current body weight.

The average weight loss was 3.43%, and the greatest percentage of weight lost was 12.56%. Average body fat reduction for the participants was 1.17%, with the greatest body fat reduction at

8.9%. for all who finished the challenge, the total body fat reduction percentage was 185.2%.

Approximately 10 people submitted cholesterol screen results comparing their initial cholesterol screen to their final cholesterol screen. Participant reduction in overall cholesterol levels varied between 40 and 100 points.

Of those participants who kept track of the number of steps they took from the first week to the last using pedometers and activity conversions, the results showed the first week's average steps per person per day numbered 8,295.6 steps, about 4 miles.

In week 8, the average steps per person per day rose to 10,275.4, approximately 5.2 miles, and an increase of over 1.2 miles a day per person.

The man taking the top stepper honors went from 1.25 miles a day to 8.6 miles, an increase of 17,217 steps per day. The woman winner increased activity from 3.14 miles a day to 10.9 miles a day, an increase of 21,796 steps a day.

Among the winners were Broomfield employees Police Sgt. Neil Martinez, CACs Jane Dunlavy, Claudia Korn, and Carla Schumacher, Purchasing Manager Joyce Newberry, Denise Muniz of the library staff, and Human Resources Director Suzanne Smith.

Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center and the Paul Derda Recreation Center were the Get Fit Stay Fit major supporting sponsors. The Broomfield Chamber hosted challenge winners at an awards banquet, and contributed toward prizes.

The sponsors hosted weekly weigh-ins, provided weekly support to participants, and hosted special events

There were two other levels of sponsorship for the challenge: contributing sponsors and awards sponsors. Contributing sponsors offered their support through sponsorship of a weekly weigh-in with an award drawing, an incentive for weighing

in, or hosting of a special event. Awards sponsors donated gift certificates and/or awards for challenge winners.

Turn OFF TV Week is April 21-27

National Turn OFF TV Week is April 21-27, and LiveWell Broomfield encourages all Broomfield residents to turn off their televisions at least one evening during National Turn Off TV week and enjoy some extra exercise.

LiveWell Broomfield has healthy alternative resource information available for schools, students, teachers, parents and families and has provided posters, information, ideas, bookmarks and stickers to interested schools.

Injury prevention effort in last year of funding

The Injury Prevention Program for Broomfield older adults is in its last year of funding from the Comprecare Foundation. Twelve assessments were completed in Broomfield in March.

Not many communities have a similar injury prevention program to match the multi-faceted assessment, referral, and follow-up to ensure older adult safety. The current Broomfield Injury Prevention program has a client waiting list.

In 2007, more than 80 Broomfield older adults were assessed for nutrition, mobility, physical activity and environmental hazards. Hundreds of safety grab bars, handheld shower units, and other equipment were provided and installed free of charge to Broomfield residents.

Falls are the leading cause of injury hospitalization in the United States. Most falls, 65%, happen in the home and some are deadly. Some seniors have difficulty regaining or are unable to regain their health or independence after serious falls.

Looking ahead

Nutrition education classes come to Silvercrest in May

The Food Stamp Nutrition Education (FSNE) program, which offers nutrition education to low-income audiences has classes planned at

Broomfield Silvercrest Senior Housing center for Thursdays in May.

In addition, newletters with nutrition information are being distributed to clients of the FISH program through a partnership with the Colorado State University Extension office and FISH.

Master Gardeners plan workshop

Colorado State University Extension Master Gardeners will host a Floral Design Workshop on Saturday, April 26, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the



Lakeshore Room at the Broomfield Community Center. The design focus for the workshop will be a spring vase arrangement. The workshop fee is \$25 and the class size is limited to 18 participants. Call 720.887.2286 to

register.

Gardening phone lines open

Ask A Master Gardener phone lines are open for residents to call the Colorado Master Gardeners of Broomfield with questions related to their home yard, landscape or garden. Master Gardeners are in the office from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, but the phone line is available to take messages 24-hours a day, and residents are encouraged to leave a message for a call-back. The number for residents to call is 303.464.5554.

In addition, the Colorado Master Gardeners of Broomfield will once again be at the Home Depot on the first and third Saturdays of every month, May through August, to answer gardening questions on a variety of topics. Look for the Master Gardener Tent outside the store from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 3 and 17, June 7 and 21, July 5 and 19, August 2 and 16.

Police, Rec Services, DocuVault team up for shredding, fitness

The Broomfield Police Department, Broomfield Recreation Services and DocuVault are teaming up for a "Shred and Shed" activity to help residents prevent identity theft and shape up for summer.

On Saturday, May 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Broomfield Community Center, residents who

bring their unwanted, identity-bearing documents to be shredded can also get a free exercise class.

Documents that could leave residents in danger of identity theft are the target for this event. Participants can load sensitive documents into file size boxes and bring them to the Community Center, 280 Lamar Street, to be released to DocuVault for shredding. Up to five boxes will be accepted at no charge. After the first five, a donation of \$5 per box will go to the Broomfield Community Foundation.

Free exercise classes include Yoga starting at 1:30 p.m.; a Boot Camp Preview or Nordic Walking beginning at 1:30; an outside Pilates class starting at 3 p.m. and another Bootcamp Preview or Nordic Walking at 3 p.m.

Further information is available by calling 303.460.6923, or 720.887.2084. To register call 303.460.6923 or email cjohnson@broomfield.org.

The top 20 items that police recommend for shredding include:

- 1. Obsolete financial records, including loan applications
- 2. Pre-approved credit card applications
- Personal medical records or physician statements
- 4. Correspondence and tax preparation worksheets
- 5. Receipts for purchases
- 6. Bank statements
- 7. ATM receipts
- 8. Credit card statements
- 9. Cancelled checks
- 10. Mail and old records
- 11. Utility bills
- 12. Credit card charges
- 13. Insurance forms
- 14. Investment transactions
- 15. Expired charge cards
- 16. Mailing labels from magazines
- 17. Pay stubs
- 18. Old driver's licenses or passports
- 19. Expired insurance and membership cards
- Any documents that may contain Social Security numbers, birth dates, mother's maiden name and any account numbers or online passwords

Coming:

May 2: Annual Meals on Wheels basket auction at the Senior Center. Silent auction and reception

begins at 6 p.m. For more information, call 303.464.5527.

May 17: annual Household Hazardous Waste Day. Call 303.438.6336 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

May 31: From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Broomfield Health and Human Services will host a car seat safety event for Broomfield residents. Certified car seat technicians will be on hand to inspect child car seats at no charge. The event will be held at Beautiful Savior Lutheran School, 6995 W. 120th Avenue near 120th and Main St. in Broomfield. For additional information: 720-887-2217.

May 31: Broomfield Library Friends are seeking donations of gently used books for the Friend's annual Spring Book Sale on Saturday, May 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Funds raised from this sale and from the shop in the library help support library programs such as the Children's and Teen Summer Reading Programs. Call 720-887-2340 for donation information.

June 7: The seventh annual Broomfield Trail Adventure will be held in conjunction with National Trails Day. This year the event will be hosted at Holy Family High School and will showcase the new trails and underpasses built around the Wildgrass neighborhood and open space. Participants are encouraged to walk or bike different trail loops and there will be refreshments, t-shirts, prizes, information tables, and educational displays. The event will begin at 8:00 a.m.

For more information, visit the Open Space and Trails website at www.broomfieldopenspace.com or call Pete Dunlaevy at 303.438.6216.

June 8: Mini Haha Triathlon begins at 7:30 a.m. This is the eighth annual event, designed for beginners or recreational athletes looking for a challenge. Participants swim 300 yards, bike 11 miles and run or walk two miles. Registrations filled up in four days.

Capital projects ...

West 136th Avenue widening from Sheridan to **Red Leaf**: The project is ahead of schedule with 90% of road work complete. Landscaping will begin this week, and pending a consistent stretch of warm weather above 60 degrees, final paving and marking will be completed. The project is expected to be complete by mid May.

Broomfield Heights Alley Improvement Project. Phase 1A and 1B: This project includes the reconstruction of the alleys located behind the homes along Midway Boulevard from Main Street to Kohl Street. Phase 1A includes the alleys

behind the homes on the north side of Midway. The alley between Daphne Street and Main Street

is substantially complete.



Construction on the alley between Daphne Street and Kohl Street started again on March 20 and since then, approximately 400 linear feet of concrete has been poured. With 600 linear feet of concrete remaining, the contractor is scheduled to complete the work by the end of April, weather permitting. Qwest has also been working along the alleys to remove the old utility poles.

Interlocken East Park Bridges: On Jan. 22, City Council authorized a construction agreement with Citywide Enterprises, Inc., to replace two existing pedestrian bridges over Community Ditch in East Park. The bridges were cracking and splitting. Construction began in mid-February. The old



bridges were removed, and the new bridges are complete. Final irrigation repairs and site restoration will be completed by the end of April.

Waterline Replacements & Re-use Waterline Installations - 2008: The 2008 Waterline Replacement and Reuse Waterline Project

approved by City Council on Feb. 12, authorized BT Construction to begin work on the reuse segments of the project that will be directionally drilled. The open cut segments, including the domestic waterlines, are scheduled later this month as weather conditions improve. The project will include the segments listed in the chart below:

<u>Segment</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Status</u>
E. 14th Ave.	Domestic	Scheduled to begin in mid to late April
Scott Drive North	Domestic	Scheduled to begin in mid to late May
Scott Drive South	Domestic	Scheduled to begin in June
Sheridan Blvd (HL Park to 120th)	Domestic	Scheduled to begin in July
Burbank Street	Domestic	Scheduled to begin in September
144th Ave (Sheridan to Lowell)	Reuse	In Process
Sheridan (144th Ave - north)	Reuse	In Process

An Open House on April 2 with Gate N Green residents discussed the waterline replacement on Scott Drive North and South. The meeting was well attended and well received. The waterline replacement in this subdivision will require additional work and staff supervision because: 1) The streets are significantly narrower; 2) many of the service lines are jointly used by two residents; 3) the service lines are made of a polymer material, rather than copper, and must be replaced; and 4) the service meters are located in the crawl spaces of the residences, rather than in the right-of-way.

Reuse Waterline Installation: The directional drilling of the 12-inch reuse waterline along West 144th between Sheridan and Lowell Boulevards

has started and two sections of pipe have been installed. The directional drilling for the 24-inch reuse waterline along Sheridan Boulevard north of West 144th Avenue has started. The first section of line is expected to be installed (pulled) in mid to late April. BT Construction will also be holding a demonstration of the pipe fusing process on April 21, 2008, at the Sheridan site.



Departmental updates ...

COMMUNICATIONS

Staff continues working on the Granicus online video streaming project. Glitches with scheduling and recording a live event have been repaired. The April 8 City Council meeting was recorded and indexed "live" as the meeting was taking place. IT staff helped guide Granicus in the right direction to solve this one.

The Council meeting was available immediately after the Council meeting ended in Beta mode

The March 25, 2008, Council meeting was converted WMV file and uploaded to the Granicus

site. From there, the agenda was manually added, linked and made public. Now, there are no gaps in the list of linked archived Council meetings.

To link to the two streamed council meetings, visit http://www.broomfield.org/council/councilagendas. shtml

There are still lip-synch issues. Staff is in contact with the Granicus technician about the video and audio not matching up in either the live 24/7 stream or the archived videos. After some tests here that Granicus requested to make sure it was not a problem with output to the encoder, it is back to them for a solution. The last two streaming

Council meeting videos that on the Web site via Granicus (in Beta mode) will be offline at times as Granicus works on the lip-sync issue.

Staff training has been scheduled for the software for this week.

We are still several weeks out on the official deployment to the public.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The Broomfield Sister Cities relationship with Ueda (formerly Maruko) is now entering its eighth year and students are being recruited to travel to Ueda, serving as ambassadors of the City and County of Broomfield.

Students who participate will have the opportunity to live for a full week in the home of a family in Ueda, taking in the activities of daily Japanese life, participating in some planned cultural exchange activities and making day trips to notable Japanese landmarks, schools and events.

The program is open to students between 12 and 18, who are residents of Broomfield or who have some other affiliation with Broomfield. For example, family members of business owners in Broomfield or children of Broomfield based businesses are all eligible to apply.

Applications are available on-line at www.broomfieldsistercities.com

Broomfield's sister city relationships have sustained themselves over the years through generous personal and business donations of financial and volunteer resources.

Students traveling from Broomfield to Ueda typically fund only the travel costs themselves or find sponsors for the estimated \$2500 cost for air travel to Japan.

The significant costs for food and lodging are covered by the generous Ueda host families. Anyone interested in sponsoring the 2008 sister city events may contactGreg Stokes or David Lee at broomfieldsistercities@gmail.com

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

CSU Extension: The Colorado State University Extension Master Gardeners, and the Broomfield Environmental Services and Forestry Operations Divisions hosted the fourth annual Earth Day for

Kids event on Saturday, April 19. Nearly 50 children from the Broomfield community attended the event where they helped plant a tree, learned about conservation and stormwater, saw a worm-composting demonstration and enjoyed making crafts from reused materials. The kids also took home a Painted Lady caterpillar to raise into a butterfly.

Families and Children: April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Staff members from the Family and Children's Division are wearing blue wrist bands to bring awareness to this issue.

A foster care and adoption event called "A Day at the Bay," is planned on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at the Bay Aquatic Park, 250 Lamar Street to recognize the 24/7 quality care all foster parents provide to children who are unable to safely remain in the homes of their parents. Broomfield HHS partners this each year with adoptive parents of United Families and child placement agencies who care for Broomfield children. The event celebrates and recognizes the skilled and nurturing care foster parents provide to children in need.

HUMAN RESOURCES (HR)

Human Resources staff is encouraging employees to participate in the Four City Fitness Frenzy, a competition between Broomfield employees and the cities of Lafayette, Longmont, and Louisville, to see who can record the most minutes of exercise from April 21 through June 1. Employees will be competing to win a traveling trophy, and to improve their health habits. Employees will record their exercise minutes online. There are double points available for participating in races, and bonus point opportunities on Memorial Day and Mother's Day. At the end of the challenge the city with the most points gets the trophy for the year.

HR employees sponsored the annual Summer Job Fair to recruit teens for summer parks and recreation positions at the Broomfield Community Center on April 2. Over 200 applications were accepted in only three hours. Staff anticipates having all positions filled no later than May 15.

OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS

Last November, the Broomfield Open Space Foundation built two large raptor perches atop recycled utility poles and worked with staff to place the perches at two open space sites. One perch was erected at the Lac Amora Open Space and the other was placed in the Broomfield County Commons Open Space. These types of perches are typically used by a variety of raptors including eagles, hawks, and falcons that frequent Broomfield open space. Raptors typically use these perches to hunt for prey and both of these sites are near active prairie dog colonies.

In March, the Foundation teamed up with local Boy Scout Troop 337 to construct and install nesting boxes for a variety of birds in the Broomfield County Commons Open Space. In all, 19 nesting boxes were placed throughout the open space to accommodate American kestrels, northern flickers, tree swallows, chickadees, and other species. Eight local scouts and their leaders worked to build and prepare the nesting boxes and then joined volunteers and staff to hang the nesting boxes on mature trees in the open space.

PUBLIC WORKS

Environmental Services: Environmental Services, Colorado State University Master Gardeners and the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library presented two xeriscape lectures and one-on-one sessions for Broomfield residents in March at the library. There were 41 people in attendance during the lectures looking for 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 any challenges they have with their vard and garden. During each of the lectures three xeriscape books were awarded to attendees to assist with their plans for planting their new yard or garden. Each attendee also received a reusable Broomfield bag made out-of recycled plastic bottles to use in place of plastic or paper bags.

Park Operations Division: The 2008 Arbor Day activities were again coordinated by the Parks Division. Activities centered on tree-plantings at eight of Broomfield's 13 schools. Those participating in the activities beginning April 14 were Emerald, Birch and Kohl elementaries, Broomfield Heights and Westlake middle schools, Legacy High School and Bal Swan Children's Center. A tree was planted at each school, and two were planted at Birch.

In addition to the Arbor Day Programs at the schools, on April 19, Park Operations staff assisted in the Greenway Park tree planting and Broomfield Commons Open Space tree planting.

Crews also planted a tree in conjunction with the Earth Day Program at the Community Center.

The Greenway Park effort included planting 28 trees at the Greenway Park Golf Course, traffic island and greenbelts throughout the Greenway Park subdivision. The tree planting is funded by the city's neighborhood grant program, CASHH - Community Action Supporting Helping Hands.

The trees were purchased from Trees Across Colorado, a tree-planting program offered by the Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC). CTC is a nonprofit organization leading Colorado's efforts to preserve and enhance community forests.

The Commons Open Space tree planting was a volunteer program sponsored by Broomfield Open Space and Trails, under the direction of Director Kristan Pritz.

The Earth Day program, "Just for Kids!" was presented by the Colorado State Extension Master Gardeners and Broomfield Environmental Services Division. The program for kids, ages six to 12, featured an afternoon of fun, crafts and actives promoting environmental awareness and resource conservation.

RECREATION SERVICES

Active adult/senior programs – Cindy Stephens



was recognized on Friday, April 4, at the Littleton Recreation Center for her service as a Colorado SilverSneakers® instructor with the most teaching years in the program - 7 ½ years.

 During March 107 seniors enjoyed trips including: Casino, Supper Club, Denver

Art Museum, and the Copper Mountain Sleigh Ride.

- There were 300 participations in the Healthy Hearts Walkers program in March at the Derda Center.
- The Spring Fashion Show on March 20 at Broomfield Community Center had 71 in attendance. Seniors modeled fashions provided by Dillards. Joe Weibel escorted the

models and Dorothy Ransom provided the accompaniment.

Athletics -

- There were 1,926 participations in athletic classes in March.
- Registrations for the Youth Baseball program are under way. There are still a few openings for participants in the 6 to 13 years and 14 to 16 years age group sections. The other age group sections are full.
- The Mini Haha Triathlon scheduled in June reached its maximum of 500 registrations in four days. The triathlon is now full with a wait list. Clinics and Training classes are presently underway with excellent enrollment.

Aquatics -

- Swimming classes have been completely reorganized in the new Summer brochure to make it easier for parents to coordinate classes for their children in different swim levels. Lessons are now grouped by class levels, which seems to be more user friendly.
- More swim class sessions have been added.
- New, lower student-teacher ratios in swim classes are now offered, meeting a trend staff has seen in the Broomfield community. Many more parents request private lessons. The sessions with lower ratios are still economically priced, but offer more personal instruction.
- The "Mommy and Me" water aerobics class that is taught with baby in arms has been renamed "Baby and Me" to be more inviting to dads as well as moms. Classes are averaging 16 participants.
- Drop-in kayaking has been added to the Saturday afternoon schedule at the Broomfield Community Center pool. Participants 14 years and older are able to practice turns, rolls, and other kayaking skills in the pool. This popular activity has prompted new kayaking lessons. Participants can sign up for the lessons one week in advance.
- A new coach has been hired for Masters Swimming.

- A new class, "Tumble and Splash," is being offered as a collaborative effort between Aquatics and Gymnastics. Participants are able to have some swimming instruction, then gymnastics instruction in the same class.
- This year the Bay will be open full hours, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., instead of shortened hours, Memorial Day and continuing to Labor Day. Broomfield High School is out earlier this year for construction, so life guards will be available during the day. Additionally, this will provide support during the times other facilities need to be closed for maintenance.
- Birthday Party packages are now being offered at the Bay.

Climbing Wall – There were 153 participations in Climbing Wall classes during March, reflecting a 24% increase over last year's March. Climbing Clinics each month raise awareness of climbing offerings, and the great source of exercise found in wall climbing. The upcoming clinic on Monday, April 28, will feature several area vendors who will provide information regarding indoor and outdoor climbing activities to class participants.

Early Learning – Activities in March included:

- ♦ 765 participations in Early Learning classes.
- A Dr. Suess Week that featured Paul Derda as Dr. Suess' Cat in the Hat. Derda visited classes at both centers to read the Dr. Suess story to the little learners.



- Broomfield's Streets Division once again claimed the spot as a most popular attraction during "Transportation Week." Each year staff brings City trucks and tell the little learners what they do.
- ◆ On March 20, 131 children attended the Preschool Easter Party where they met Flopsy

the Bunny, played carnival games, frolicked on the inflatables, and enjoyed treats.

Gymnastics – In addition to netting 4,268 participations in classes for the month of March, Gymnastics also held a Gymnastics Camp in coordination with Standley Lake and Broomfield high schools. Nine gymnasts and four coaches from the high schools gave 86 students 2.5 hours of games, training and a gymnastics bag.

Special events – The weather finally cooperated this year for the *Easter Eggstravaganza*! Nearly 1200 people enjoyed the festivities on Saturday, March 22, at the John Shaw Field.

Youth and teen – Spring break trips provided fun and safe activities for almost 60 kids each day. Teen Spring Break had over 10 participants each day - the highest enrollment to date.

At the Audi ...

Dance outdoors through summer with 2008 Concert Series

Wednesdays are big this summer with Broomfield's annual Summer Concert Series from June 25 through July 30 at the Amphitheater in Community Park. The concerts are free and family friendly. Inclement weather moves performances into the Broomfield Auditorium. Concerts begin at 7 p.m.

Beginning on June 25, The Fables bring tunes in tribute to John Lennon and Paul McCartney. Step back in time and dance to favorites from *All My Lovin'* to *Starting Over*.

On July 2, see Tina Marx and the Millionaires, one of Colorado's most well-known variety dance bands. Enjoy a full range of styles of music, especially Big Band Swing.

On July 9, Mojomama brings hip-shakin' groove music in a fusion of family-friendly sounds. The show features Blues, Funk, 60s Soul and contemporary Rock with a mix of original and cover songs.

July 16 debuts the Lost Canyon Band. Hearken back to the classic era of Rock and Roll when peace, love and music festivals entertained an entire generation.

July 23 brings Deja Blu, a danceable mix of the best of Rock, Soul, Blues, Motown and Swing, with a touch of Country.

On July 30, plan for top quality, fun, island-friendly music from Calypso to Jimmy Buffet, and from Latin sounds to the Beach Boys.

The Broomfield Amphitheater is located in Community Park, north of the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library, 3 Community Park Road. Community Park is east of Main Street and 2nd Avenue.

Lobby art show:

The Colorado Artists Guild has 25 pieces of work on exhibit at the Broomfield Auditorium. The collection includes oil, acrylic, pastels, mixed media, and watercolor paintings. The exhibit is free on Fridays between 2 and 4 p.m., and during public events through May 2.

Mark your calendar:

May 8, 9:30 a.m. or 4:30 p.m. the Ballet Nouveau Student Company presents "Peter and the Wolf" in a free program for all ages.

May 15, 7 p.m. Science, Sights and Sounds **Astro Jazz.** Free tickets are available at the Audi Box Office beginning at 6 p.m.

For more information on events at the Audi, call the **Events Hotline** at 303.469.3301, ext. 7999, or visitwww.broomfieldauditorium.com