



City & County Manager's Report

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TO: Mayor Stuart and the Broomfield City Council
FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

FYI

Budget book wins GFOA award

Independent reviewers from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) have awarded Broomfield's 2006 budget document the *Distinguished Budget Presentation Award* for 2006. This is the highest form of recognition that GFOA awards for governmental budgeting.



To receive the award, Broomfield had to publish a document that meets program criteria as a policy document, an operations guide, a financial plan and a communications device.

Broomfield received 25 "outstanding" ratings on the various criteria, more than double last year.

New curbside, city-wide spring cleanup

Spring is here, and it's time to clean out the basement, garage, backyard, side yard and anyplace else where junk has been stashed over the last 12 months.

In May, on one designated Saturday for each of three designated areas, residents can pile large, unwanted items at the curb for free pickup. The new program provides curbside pick-up of large, non-hazardous items. No appointments are necessary.

Items placed at the curb must not block driveways or sidewalks, or impede traffic.

Next project: get rid of household hazardous waste

After the curbside pickup, anyone wondering what to do with all of the old, nasty cleaners, batteries, paint, and last year's lawn and garden chemicals can be a good steward of the earth by bringing them to Broomfield's annual household hazardous waste drop-off day for recycling or environmentally safe disposal. This year's Spring Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day is May 20 at the Norman Smith Service Center, 3001 W. 124 Ave.

Only 250 appointments are available to Broomfield residents who can make one by calling 303-438-6336. Broomfield's Environmental Services, Stormwater, and Emergency Management divisions and North Metro Fire Department staffs are teaming up to help residents keep homes, neighborhoods and waterways free of harmful chemicals by providing this local drop-off day.

Additional advertising for both of these events can be found on Channel 8 for Comcast cable subscribers, the Broomfield Web site at www.broomfield.org and in the Broomfield Enterprise.

Reminder:

The Public Works Fleet Division recycles waste motor oil all year long. Waste oil can be dropped off, year-round, at the Norman Smith Service Center. Drop-off hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to noon on the first Saturday of every month (unless it's a holiday week-end, then it's the second Saturday).

Tree limb drop-off

This popular program is open for residential use only. Please note, the hours of operation are Wednesdays 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Broomfield Recycling Center, 225 Commerce St.

Police Department names two to commander rank

As part of the Police Department's 2006 reorganization, a Commander Assessment Center

promotional process on April 10 and 11 involved nine candidates. After careful review and discussion by members of the command staff, Cory Amend and Roger Plunkett were selected for promotion to commander.

Both will be assigned to the Patrol Division to serve as evening duty commanders.

In another promotion, Dave Walts was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Sergeant Walts' assignment has not yet been determined.

All of the promotions are effective April 26. A promotion ceremony for Amend, Plunkett, and Walts will be April 28 at 2 p.m. in the second floor lobby of Police Headquarters.

Looking ahead

Saturday, June 3: 2006 Broomfield Trail Adventure

The 2006 Broomfield Trail Adventure is scheduled Saturday, June 3, in conjunction with National Trails Day.

The Trail Adventure has become an annual community event. Local citizens and trail enthusiasts come out and celebrate the local trails by hiking, jogging, or biking a section of the Broomfield trail system. This year the event will take place will be hosted at Broomfield County Commons to showcase the new trails in this large open space tract.

In 2005, approximately three miles of soft surface trails were constructed throughout the Broomfield County Commons open space, and a variety of improvements and amenities were made to the surrounding open space.

The Broomfield Trail Adventure is organized and coordinated by community volunteers and Broomfield's Open Space and Trails Department, and is sponsored and endorsed by The City and County of Broomfield. The event is also sponsored by numerous local businesses who donate awards and services for the event and its participants.

At the event, the Broomfield Health and Human Services Department will promote health and recreation through the *Thriving Communities* and

America on the Move programs. Recreation Services will be staging several outdoor recreational programs at the event.

Other groups involved in the Broomfield Trail Adventure are the Broomfield Nature Program, the CSU Cooperative Extension, local bicycle groups, and wildlife advocacy groups. Approximately 250 participants are expected to attend this year's event.

Mini Haha fun on June 11

The Mini Haha Triathlon is scheduled June 11, and registration is under way.

Other recreation departments in the area hold triathlons, but the Mini Haha has a niche in that it is small – *mini* – making it more do-able for a wider population. Additionally, planning for this event focuses on participants having fun – the *haha* part.

Participants swim 300 yards, bike 11 miles, and run or walk two miles. Registration continues through May 24 or until the maximum is met. Cost is \$30 for an individual or \$80 for a team of three.

Volunteers are also needed. Anyone with questions or who may be interested in helping with the Mini-Haha can call Dawn at 303-460-6918 or Kim at 303-464-5540.

Workforce Center hosts free seminar

The Broomfield Workforce Center will host a seminar on Wednesday, May 3, from 5 to 8 p.m. Titled "Get Hired!" the seminar is designed to help job seekers succeed in today's ultra-competitive job market, it will include resume writing, interviewing, effective job search methods and tips in the modern job market.

The free seminar is made possible by a \$1,000 donation from Sun Microsystems. To register, contact the Broomfield Workforce Center at 303-464-5894.

Businesses invited to free tax classes

Retailers, vendors and accountants are invited by Broomfield's Sales Tax Administration Division to attend free classes on Thursday, May 18, from 9 to 11 a.m.

The classes are designed to assist businesses with filings of sales tax collections and personal property taxes. They include information on Broomfield's self-collected sales tax. The classes will also cover sales tax procedures and requirements, identification of taxable property, documentation procedures, filing requirements, and record keeping.

The Broomfield Assessor's Office will give an overview on personal property tax filings and valuation procedures. The classes are free, provided by Broomfield as part of its customer service outreach. Future classes are scheduled for August 17 and Nov. 2.

Wastewater Worker Recognition Week

The week of April 16 to 22, 2006 was set aside by Governor Bill Owens as Wastewater Worker Recognition Week. The governor's proclamation recognized wastewater treatment workers, operators, maintenance personnel, and laboratory, sewer maintenance, bio-solids, industrial pretreatment and administrative workers.

Individuals at the Wastewater Treatment Facility whose efforts, commitment and professionalism help make Broomfield's wastewater system one of the best, have also been recognized by the Public Works Department.

They are: Ken Rutt, Jim Seda, Jack Hinton, Rob DiLillo, John Rothrock, Larry Lofquist, Mike Jones, and Marc Van Jacobs in the Operations section; Wayne Noyes and Glen McCain in Maintenance; and Anthony Tuka in Bio-solids.

Others are: Becky Sturgeon, Julia Finley, Dave Scott, Monte Wegelin in Industrial Pretreatment and Stormwater; Lesa Julian, Dawn Cowell, Jean Aldrich, Art Light, and Diana Beehler, in the laboratory; Dave Dalsoglio, Shawn Desotel, Joseph Jiron, Larry Jones, Phil Potter in Sewer Maintenance; and Janann Anderson in administration.



Departmental updates ...

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

Families and Children: The Nurturing Parenting Program has received a second year of funding from The Colorado Trust. This program is family-based that will be offered free to Broomfield families.

Nurturing Parents emphasizes the importance of raising children in a warm, trusting and caring household. It is founded on the belief that children who are cared for develop the capacity to trust, care for and respect themselves, other people, living creatures and the environment. New sessions will begin in August. For further information, to register or to volunteer, call 720-887-2201.

As part of *National Foster Care Month* in May, HHS and Broomfield Foster and Kinship families will participate in five activities in the region. On April 23, foster and kinship families can go to Six Flags Elitch Gardens. A Foster Care Rally will honor provider families on May 3, at noon, in Lincoln Park in downtown Denver.

May 7 is Foster Family Day at the Rockies and a free day of fun for foster and kinship families sponsored by the Colorado Department of Human Services is scheduled May 13 at Destiny Ranch.

Broomfield HHS, in conjunction with The Village Tavern at FlatIron Crossing, will host an appreciation luncheon for foster and kinship families on May 20. For information about any of these events, contact Sherry Bethurum, foster care coordinator at 720-887-2266.

Broomfield HHS and Adams County Social Services will present a training entitled *Understand the Adolescent Brain* April 28 in the Broadlands Conference Room at 6 Garden Center.

The training is from 9 a.m. to noon and will be led by Dr. Patti Gilmour, director of instructional services and assessment for Adams 12 Five Star Schools. The multi-media presentation will address specifics of brain development, gender differences in the brain, the adolescent brain – a work in progress, and the impact of substance abuse on the brain. For more information or to

register, contact Sherry Bethurum, foster care coordinator at 720-887-2266.

Last month, the Broomfield Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership offered *Involuntary Exposure: Protecting Children from Secondhand Smoke* for all childcare providers. The training was presented by the American Lung Association of Colorado.

Attending were 11 people, seven representing centers and four who offer child care in their homes. Childcare providers are in a unique position to speak to parents and can improve the health of the children they serve.

The training taught childcare providers to speak and educate children and parents about the dangers of secondhand smoke. They learned facts about secondhand smoke along with easy interventions and conversations to have with parents, and received resources that help create smoke-free policies in the centers and homes, and learned activities to do with children about creating smoke free environments. Each participant received 1.5 continuing education credits.

RECREATION SERVICES

Spring Break: Recreation Services offered two spring break camps: one for kids ages six to 12, and a teen camp for students ages 13 to 17.

Spring Break Camp for the younger students was fully enrolled with 329 kids the week of March 27 to 31. Participants enjoyed trips to Putt Putt Golf, Casa Bonita, bowling, the Paul Derda Recreation Center, Fat City, Monkey Business, the Denver Aquarium, skating and a movie.

The teen Spring Break Camp had 25 kids during the same week. Activities included ice cream making, soap making at MELT at FlatIron Crossing, a movie, Fat City, and outdoor rock climbing.

From March 18 to 31, spring break for various school districts, an average of 150 people played in the pool at the Derda Center every hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Staff managed the balancing act to adequately staff the pool to maintain safety standards.

Athletics: March was busy with registrations for summer programs. Three Lacrosse teams were developed for Broomfield youth, and they spent the last three weeks in March practicing for their April 1 debut. The first home games were at the Broomfield County Commons.

Recreation Services received a \$10,000 grant from the United States Lacrosse Association for equipment for the boys and girls teams.

Climbing wall interest grows steadily:

Since January, 2006, based on the number of waivers on record at the Paul Derda Recreation Center, at least 2,000 climbers have tackled the wall at least one time. Each new climber is required to complete and submit a safety waiver. Most climbers return to climb the wall several times once the waiver is completed, so that number could be at least double.

Every Climbing 101 and Climbing 101 for Women class offered since January has been full with at least one person waitlisted. Last year at this time only one of these classes was full every six weeks; now the classes offered – at least two a month and sometime three – all fill with registrants.

Every Youth Climbing I and Youth Climbing II class offered since January has been full, with at least four children waitlisted.

Aquatics: There were 590 participants enrolled in swimming lesson programs during March. In addition, since January, staff has trained and certified 95 people in American Red Cross classes, including Lifeguard Training, CPR, AED, First Aid, and Babysitter Training. These classes successfully produced 205 certifications issued to

participants for completing the necessary requirements.

Therapeutic recreation: Broomfield Special Olympics skiers took two silver medals in the downhill slalom and giant slalom at Copper Mountain in March. The Broomfield Special Olympics Basketball Team took second place in the end-of-season tourney in Boulder in March.

Fitness: The most recent group fitness participation numbers at the Derda Center show 4,548 in 2006 as compared to 3,438 for 2005. In general, all class numbers are up.

At the Broomfield Community Center, group fitness participation numbers for 2006 are 2,035, compared to 1,644 for 2005. The increase in participation is from the Jazzercise and SilverSneakers classes.

Special events: Recreation Services hosted the Student Art Show last month in the Lakeshore Room at the Broomfield Community Center. Approximately 375 pieces of art from the local schools were displayed, and 13 schools were represented.

Recreation Services also hosted the Summer Job Fair in March. All youth summer jobs for Parks and Recreation, as well as those for the city in general, are featured at this annual event. Approximately 100 applicants attended.

Special programs: Staff oversees a program called "Feed the Fish" where food items are collected in bins at both recreation buildings. The food is then donated to FISH of Broomfield. Each month about 75 pounds of food is donated to support the Broomfield community.

Capital projects

West Flatiron Circle: directional interchange landscaping

Landscaping of the West Flatiron Circle & US 36 interchange will begin the last week in April.

Sheridan Boulevard: underpass at Highland Park

The east half of the underpass structure and associated drainage system have been

installed while traffic has been shifted to the west. The contractor is in the process of relocating utilities over the box structure, backfilling, and constructing the retaining walls on the east side.

The east half of Sheridan will be paved (over the new underpass) and traffic is expected to be shifted to the east for west-side construction in mid-May.

Sheridan Boulevard: widening from East Ninth Avenue to Aspen Creek

The contract work is substantially complete. Final inspections of the roadway were performed and the contractor is completing "punch list" items that were identified during the inspections.

These repairs will continue, and sod should be installed along the west side of the roadway by the end of the month. Permanent, thermoplastic striping is the only remaining contract item. The contractor is waiting on warmer weather to complete the striping. Night-time temperatures need to be above 50 degrees to install thermoplastic. This work is anticipated to occur in May.

At the Audi ...

- The Westminster Paletteers Spring Color art show will hang through May 5 at the Audi for viewing during events.
- Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, the 31st annual Rocky Mountain Storytellers' Conference will feature Fireside Fables, Folktales, and fun! Hours Friday are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. For information, call 303.426.7592 or visit www.rmstory.org
- The Cantabile Singers will perform Sunday, April 30 at 7 p.m. featuring choral music using familiar texts from great literature. Also featured: a piano solo by Stella Pradeau. For information, call 303.499.5802 or visit www.cantabileboulder.org

Broomfield Amphitheater in Community Park. If the weather is wet, concerts will move to the Auditorium next door.

On Wednesday, June 28, Conjunto Colores, a popular dance band, will bring its hot and spicy sounds to Broomfield; on July 5, hear Kubandara, a marimba and drum-based band performing traditional instrumental music and songs from various regions of Africa.

Coming July 12 is Lionsouljahs, July 19 Los Lantzmun, July 26 Book 'em Danno, and August 2 Pan Jumbies.

For more information on events at the Audi, call the Events Hotline at 303.469.3301, ext. 7999.

Information on tickets, directions to the Audi and year-round event information are available at www.broomfieldauditorium.com

'Around the World' this summer

This year's summer concert series is titled "Around the World." All concerts begin at 7 p.m. in the

