



City and County of Broomfield, Colorado

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
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<i>Summary</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report is a monthly summary of staff activities, projects and events.

<i>Prior Council Action</i>
N/A

<i>Financial Considerations</i>
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N/A

<i>Proposed Actions/Recommendations</i>
N/A



City & County Manager's Report

April, 2011

TO: Mayor Patrick Quinn and the Broomfield City Council

FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

FYI

Open Space plans Fishing Derby

The Broomfield Open Space Foundation and the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) invite youngsters to a Fishing Derby Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to noon at Tom Frost Reservoir, Lowell and Midway boulevards in the Broomfield County Commons Open Space.



The Fishing Derby is free for children ages 6 to 12 years old. Lowell and Midway Boulevards.

CDOW officers will provide explanations of casting, knot tying, safety and fishing laws, catch and release, and fish biology. After completing the fishing clinic, children will be given fishing poles and bait and will have an hour time slot to fish. Parent or guardian supervision is required. Foundation volunteers will also be on hand to help children fish.

There is very limited parking at Tom Frost Reservoir, so parking is available at the Paul Derda Recreation Center north of the reservoir. To reach Tom Frost Reservoir from the Recreation Center parking lot, head south along either trail from the parking lot.

Registration for the Fishing Derby is required. Call 303.464.5501 or 303.460.6901 to sign up for a time slot. Class codes are 43609 for the 9 to 10 a.m. slot, 43610 for 10 to 11 a.m. and 43611 for 11 a.m. to noon. Space is limited.

Public Works Week May 15-21

Broomfield Public Works and Community Development departments are teaming up to celebrate National Public Works Week as part of a nationwide observance, May 15-21, 2011. National Public Works Week is coordinated by the American Public Works Association.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Public Works: Serving You and Your Community," which reflects the unending efforts of public works professionals to bring the highest possible quality of life to their communities.

Public Works and Community Development employees face the challenges of improving the quality of life in Broomfield every day by maintaining and protecting the community's most valued assets and services. Combined, these departments have 200 dedicated full-time, part-time and seasonal employees committed to working in the best interest of Broomfield residents.

They review, design, inspect and administer the construction of new streets, parks, utility systems and new facilities like the library, court building, and detention facility. They assure that all city-owned facilities are clean and in good repair. They buy vehicles and equipment and maintain them.

They repair, plow, and sweep the streets; maintain the parks, playing fields, and open spaces; repair water and sewer lines; provide quality drinking water; and treat wastewater. They monitor water quality and industrial sewer discharges. They offer programs such as used motor oil and cooking oil recycling, tree branch recycling drop-off, spring cleanup, and household hazardous waste

disposal. They manage the recycling center and mosquito control contracts and other environmental services. When residents contact Public Works or Community Development, they find employees who are knowledgeable, responsive, helpful, and courteous.

Public Works Week gives staff an opportunity to promote their departments, the work that they do, and the services that they provide. There will be a large display in the lobby of the City and County Building during National Public Works Week to spotlight the various divisions. Everyone is invited to stop by.

Rocky Flats Cold War Museum leases old Arvada Post Office

The Rocky Flats Cold War Museum board signed an agreement to lease the old Arvada Post Office building for exhibits and educational programs, but it will likely take a year or more before the museum can open.

The building is located at 5608-5610 Yukon St. in Olde Town Arvada. The one-story, 7,000 square foot property has open exhibition space, two functional kitchen areas and several classrooms and offices. Minor remodeling will be done to meet the needs of the museum.



Plutonium button

The mission of the museum is to document the historical, social, environmental and scientific aspects of Rocky Flats, the former nuclear weapons plant in northern Jefferson County. The board is committed to telling all sides of the colorful, complex story of Rocky Flats.

Shirley Garcia, of the Broomfield Environmental Services Division and president of the museum board, said, "We hope to attract many school groups and others interested in science, local history and the role Rocky Flats played in the Cold War. We have fascinating oral histories and artifacts to share for all age levels."

Garcia said the building's location, a block west of Olde Wadsworth Boulevard and north of Grandview Avenue, should be convenient for

tourists, area residents, history buffs, former Rocky Flats workers and school groups. The facility is one block from a future light rail stop and has street parking in front and 13 parking spaces in back.

Former U.S. Senator Wayne Allard helped secure a Congressional appropriation of \$492,000 in late 2007 for a museum building and exhibits. The museum board created an oral history collection of more than 100 interviews of former workers, activists, community and political leaders and others. A consultant is currently documenting the artifacts in a museum database with the help of volunteers who worked at Rocky Flats.

The Rocky Flats Plant was a secret, high security federal facility that produced cores for nuclear weapons for the nation's defense using plutonium, highly enriched uranium and other materials. Construction of the plant started six years after the end of World War II.

Rocky Flats, a U.S. Department of Energy plant, was built in 1951 and contractors operated it. The 6,200-acre site is located about 16 miles northwest of downtown Denver, between Golden and Boulder, bounded by Highway 93 on the west, Indiana St. on the east, Highway 128 on the north and Highway 72 on the south.

Production at the plant stopped after an FBI raid in June 1989. The plant was later fined for violations of environmental laws. After a decision was announced in 1992 to decommission and decontaminate the site, a Superfund cleanup began in 1995. It took 10 years and \$7 billion to complete the massive project.

Long-term environmental monitoring continues at the site, primarily to protect area drinking water sources and to ensure the remedy is functioning as designed.

A 2001 law designated most of the Rocky Flats site a National Wildlife Refuge, preventing development of the land. The central industrial area is fenced off and would not be open to the public. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had not yet opened the refuge.

Interested citizens began meeting in 1999 to preserve the site's history and incorporated the Rocky Flats Cold War Museum in July 2001 as a 501(c) 3 organization. Eight nearby cities and two counties have passed resolutions supporting the museum.

Volunteers are needed to help develop the museum. They may call 720-898-7125 or visit www.rockyflatsmuseum.org to volunteer, donate artifacts or sign up for the museum newsletter *Weapons to Wildlife*.

BEMAC kicks off

The Broomfield Emergency Management Advisory Committee (BEMAC) kick off meeting in March began the process to develop a comprehensive program of preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery.

The objective of the group is to produce a resilient community by collaborating with community members and local leaders.

At the meeting, BEMAC members discussed a comprehensive emergency program, BEMAC's role, an administrative plan, strategic plan, an upcoming emergency operation plan project, events and a training and exercise program.

Workshops and exercises planned in 2011 include a hazmat workshop, school safety drills and exercises, a winter storm workshop and community warning and notification

Training during the year will include a shelter specialist refresher, emergency operations center training, and tactical interoperability communications.

The next BEMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. at the Broomfield Training and Detention Center.

At the Library:

Early Literacy Kits are available at the library for checkout. Each kit highlights a different early literacy skill to help parents prepare their child for learning how to read. The kits contain books, activities and tips for ideas to expand learning through everyday activities. There are separate kits for babies, toddler and pre-schoolers.

Looking ahead

Mark the calendar:

- May 6: **Meals on Wheels Basket Auction.** Silent auction and reception at 6 p.m. followed by live auction and entertainment. Information: 303.464.5527.
- Teens can surprise Mom for Mother's Day with a bouquet of treats that she can eat by attending "Sweet Treats for Mom" on Saturday, May 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Library. Registration is required. Stop by the Teen Zone. This activity is for those in grades 6 to 12.
- May 13: Dancing at the Lakeshore to the stylings of Jim Ehrlich. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dance from 7 to 10 p.m. \$4.50 payable at the door.
- On May 21, 2 to 4 p.m., Perry Conway and his live birds offer a glimpse into the predatory world of hawks, owls and other birds of prey for those ages 9 to 14 at the Library. Registration is required. This activity is

sponsored by the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library Science Task Force.

- May 26: **Broomstock 2011.** From 1 to 9 p.m. at Broomfield County Commons Park, celebrate the last day of school with live music.
- **The Bay Opening Day!** The Memorial Day Weekend marks the opening of The Bay - May 27, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

At the 1STBANK Center

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

May 7 – Lipizzaner Stallions, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

May 21 – Roller Dolls Bout 4, 7 p.m.

May 29 – Bruno Mars and Janelle Monae with special guests Mayer Hawthorne and The Counts, 7:30 p.m.

June 19 – Roller Dolls Bout 5, 2 p.m.

July 26 – Katy Perry with Robyn, DJ Skeet Skeet, 7:30 p.m.

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

Capital projects ...

Northmoor Park Tennis Court Replacement

Last August, Council approved an agreement with Renner Sports Surfaces to design and construct replacement tennis and basketball courts for Northmoor Park.

Final designs were completed with CIP and Parks Services staff, and Renner Sports began construction of the new courts in mid September. By the end of the first week of October the structural concrete court slab, fencing and site concrete work had been completed.



A finished tennis court consists of the structural slab component and the play surfacing. Once the structural slab components are complete, a minimum 30-day cure period must elapse before the play surfacing can be applied. In this case, the cure period was completed in November when temperatures were too cold for the surfacing application.

The partially completed courts have been closed through the winter and the play surfacing will be applied when nightly low temperatures are consistently above 40 degrees. Renner Sports will return in May to complete the play surfacing and final landscape restoration. It is anticipated that the courts will be open to the public by the end of May 2011.

Northmoor Park Shelter Fire Damage

Last August, the Northmoor Park Shelter was burned, destroying the roof structure, all of the site

furnishings and damaging several nearby trees. Broomfield is working with its insurer and is rebuilding the shelter. Insurance coverage is dependent upon the final cost to rebuild the structure. Northmoor shelter rentals have been rescheduled or relocated to other facilities.

The contractor began work on-site in late March. The completion date is mid-May.



Other Projects in Planning and Design

- Dillon Road and South 120th Street Turn Lane Improvements

The 2009 revised budget included funds for the in-house design of improvements of the Dillon Road and South 120th Street intersection. The basic objectives for the project are to provide a dedicated left turn and through lane for eastbound Dillon Road to prevent the current traffic bottlenecks that occur at this intersection (see photo.)

Secondarily, the possibility of a lengthened right turn lane from westbound Dillon Road to South 120th Street will also be developed. Surveying for



this job has been completed. The in-house design for this project is under way. A 90% in-house design review was conducted in January and construction plans are in progress. Right-of-way acquisition negotiation will begin once plans are 80% complete in late April. Construction bidding may occur once right-of-way and utility relocation agreements are completed.

The construction of this project is in the approved budget for 2011, and is on track to be completed in 2011.

• **Neighborhood Grant Program**

Four grant requests have been received and approved for the 2011 Neighborhood Grant season. One request was received last year and approved by the CIP Advisory Committee. Funding for the program was suspended in 2010, so the grant will be funded this year.

The four projects include improvements to the Interlocken Disc Golf Course, benches within the shared grounds areas in The Falls at Legend Trails neighborhood, flower pots (adopt-a-pots) within the shared grounds areas in The Falls at Legend Trails neighborhood, and tree plantings in the shared grounds in the RedLeaf neighborhood. Staff is working with the neighborhoods to ensure successful projects.

• **New Energy Economy Development - \$12,500 Grant**

Broomfield is under contract with the Colorado Governor's Energy Office for a \$12,500 grant to purchase eleven LED solar bollard lights to replace problematic electric bollards along the perimeter trail at Broomfield County Commons.

The replacement advanced an in-progress effort that enables the city to save on electric bills and maintenance costs, and to complete the project one year sooner than anticipated. The bollards were received on November 5, 2010, and installation was completed by the Parks Services Division at the end of February 2011. Final grant reporting was submitted on April 1, 2011.

• **Westlake Tennis Court Replacement**

The tennis and basketball courts at Westlake Park are scheduled for replacement in 2011 under the annual tennis and basketball court replacement program. Since 2008, Broomfield has replaced tennis courts at Brandywine and Northmoor parks with post tensioned concrete courts. Westlake park courts see very heavy public use and are also used by Westlake Middle school.

This project is in its preliminary design phase. Renner Sports, the contractor on all of Broomfield's tennis court construction since 2004, is preparing a preliminary design and cost proposal for the Westlake courts. The project plan is being closely coordinated with the Adams 12 School District facilities staff to accommodate their facility needs and access to the courts during construction.



During March, Broomfield staff worked with Renner Sports on the plan and negotiated a final cost for the court construction. A pre-construction memo will be presented to Council in April, and if Council is favorable, the construction contract will be presented to City Council in May. If approved, the project construction will be completed between May and August while the middle school is not in session.

Departmental updates ...

RECREATION SERVICES

Mini Haha: Registration is full for the upcoming Mini Haha Triathlon on Sunday, June 12. There are currently 560 people registered, with 25 on the

waitlist. Generally each year, all those on the waitlist are able to participate, as some who are registered end up needing to withdraw for various reasons.

Mini Haha Training classes are also underway; enjoying a good enrollment.

Active Adults: After a one-month break, the Healthy Heart Walkers convened again on April 12 to resume their "Walk Across America." The virtual project follows Route 66 and began in Chicago on Jan. 1, 2009. With the combined laps walked on the indoor track at the Paul Derda Recreation Center, the Healthy Hearts Walkers have walked 9,122 miles (100,349 laps); and are now 23 miles outside of Gallup, New Mexico on Route 66.

On April 14, the walkers reached a milestone as Shelia Kitfield, one of the long-time regular walkers, walked the 100,000th lap. Kitfield was awarded a certificate and a small package of 100,000 *Grand* candy bars as her prize. (Picture of event is attached).

Healthy Heart Walkers meet each Tuesday and Thursday at the Paul Derda Recreation Center until June 16. For SilverSneakers® members or Recreation Pass holders, there is no cost. All other participants pay only \$1 per visit.



Ilene Niehoff presents to Sheila Kitfield the certificate for walking lap number 100,000 in the "Walk Across America" project.

Aquatics: At the Colorado State Masters swim meet on March 25 to 27 at Denver University (D.U), Broomfield's "BeeGees" team made a great showing.

- The Women's Team earned first place with 797 points. D.U was second with 783, and Thornton third with 665 points.
- The Men's Team earned second place with 890 points.
- The combined team score placed Broomfield in second with 1,807 points, only 174 points behind first place winner D.U.
- The team had five swimmers achieving first places in various events, and five took second places.

Brad White, pool manager, is the team's head swim coach.

Athletics: About 300 Broomfield Youth Basketball participants and their parents attended the *Youth Basketball Night with the Denver Nuggets* on Saturday, March 12. All Youth Basketball attendees were able to participate in some type of personal activity with the Nuggets team - the fan tunnel or sitting along the sidelines during team warm-ups. The Nuggets reported a very successful event, as did Recreation staff and participants.

Early Learning: Registrations for the 2011-2012 preschool year, took place in January. There are currently 154 spots filled of 162 available, a successful registration, considering the economy.

Fitness: Preparations are in full swing for the first ever *Broomfield Brawler Adventure Race* on Sunday, May 1. Races of this type are not simple "begin at the start line and complete the race at the finish line." An adventure race requires participants to complete certain tasks or fulfill various requirements at each specified location, and there can be several along the course. The Broomfield Brawler begins at the Broomfield County Commons. There are five legs of the race that include either a bicycle or running, with 11 challenge activities along the way. This event promises to be terrific fun and a great physical challenge for all participants.

Marketing: Through the 1STBANK Center and Kroenke Sports, the Denver Nuggets and Colorado Mammoth Lacrosse teams have extended several special price nights to the Broomfield community via Recreation Services. These opportunities have been passed on to the residents of Broomfield, through B in the Loop, the Recreation eNewsletter, posters and fliers posted at both Recreation Centers, the Library and City and County Building.

Therapeutic Recreation: The Special Olympics program Swim Team, Track and Field, and Soccer, all began the week of April 18. Broomfield Recreation Services is sending participants to all three programs. The first soccer match was April 23 at Regis University.

Youth and Teens: The local Talent Show at the Broomfield Auditorium played to over 100 people

in the audience. Four Broomfield acts moved to the final show in Erie.

During spring break, 477 kids participated in recreation activities, a 59 percent increase over last year. The record high for one day was 96 kids. Activities during Teen Spring Break were the largest ever with 73 kids, a 66 percent increase over last year.

At the Audi ...

In the gallery

Blast from the Past art show featuring Sally Bullers, Jane Doak, Roxanne Macke, Shirlee Miyake, Ann Sokolovick, Bonnie Wilber, Sandi Ziemek is on display from April 21 to May 19.

The annual Broomstock Art Show featuring artwork from local schools runs May 20 to June 9 .

Gallery hours are Thursdays 2 to 6 p.m. and Fridays 2 to 5 p.m., Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. and during auditorium events.

Featured at the Audi

Author talk

Helen Thorpe, author of **Just Like Us: The True Story of Four Mexican Girls Coming of Age in America**, the winner of the 2010 Colorado Book Award for Creative Nonfiction, will speak and sign copies of her book at the Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road, on Wednesday, April 27, at 7 p.m.

Helen Thorpe lives in Denver, and works as a freelance journalist. Her magazine stories have appeared in The New York Times Magazine, New York, George, and 5280. Her radio stories have aired on This American Life and Soundprint. She has worked as a staff writer for The New York Observer; The New Yorker, where she wrote "Talk of the Town" stories; and Texas Monthly.

Thorpe is married to John Hickenlooper, the governor of Colorado, and they have one son. She currently serves on the board of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Denver. Just Like Us is her first book.

Cultural Affairs presents Fiesta Colorado

Cultural Affairs presents Fiesta Colorado, the final program in the Culture-Feast free concert series, on Sunday, May 1 at 2 p.m. Tickets are free.

Fiesta Colorado's Mission is to preserve the Cultural traditions of the Mexican and Spanish performing arts. The presentations captivate and educate through the expertise of talented dancers and musicians. Beautiful costumes feature the colors and traditions of the Hispanic culture that make Colorado a unique place to live and visit.

Fiesta Colorado Inc. is a non-profit organization and its mission is to preserve the Hispanic Arts of the Southwest. The dance productions present some of Colorado's finest artists including The Mariachi Sol de Mi Tierra, Flamenco guitarist, Chuscales, dance soloist Jeannette Trujillo-Lucero, invited guest artists from Colorado, the United States, Mexico, and Spain. These fabulous artists present the highest quality performances with the core Dance Company, The Ballet Folklorico de Fiesta Colorado and The Colorado Flamenco Society.

There has been an overwhelming response to Fiesta Colorado's performances. They provide a presentation of excitement, expertise and beauty that truly is the ambiance of Colorado and its Hispanic cultural representations.

Blast from the Past

On Saturday, May 7 at 7 p.m., take a trip into the past with this Lip sync and air guitar competition featuring music and costumes from the 50s, 60s and 70s.

First place winners will receive money and prizes and the chance to perform as an opening act at

future events. Performers at this event were chosen at previous auditions.
Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and students

More info: For questions concerning this event, contact oxanne Macke at 720.207.4104, Shirlee Miyake at 303.430.4299 or email - blastfromthepast2011@comcast.net

Don't miss Pzazz Children's Choir and Dynamix singers

On Friday May 13 at 7 p.m. Pzazz Children's Choir and Dynamix singers will present the very best of Broadway Tony Award winning songs, duets and medleys. The show will open with *Another Op'nin, Another Show* from the first ever Tony winner, Kiss Me Kate from 1949. Excerpts from other Tony Winning shows include Music Man, Pajama Game, Phantom of the Opera, Cats, The Sound of Music, A Chorus Line and more!

The show concludes with a very exciting medley from In the Heights, the 2008 winner featuring Latin, salsa and hip-hop music. The choirs will be accompanied by the amazing jazz band, After Midnight.

Tickets are \$15 adults and \$10 for seniors, children under 12 and military. Tickets may be held in will call at the Broomfield Auditorium. Phone 720.887.2371. Just leave a message and pick them up on Fri. May 13.

Boulder Chamber Orchestra presents All Enchanting music

On Saturday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. the Boulder Chamber Orchestra will feature Inbal Segev on the cello. Selections will include: Elgar *Two Chansons*, Op. 15 Brahms *Double Concerto for Violin and Cello*, Op. 102 Mozart *Symphony No. 25 in G Minor*, K-183. Tickets are: general admission \$25, seniors \$18, students \$12. Visit www.boulderchamberorchestra.com

Broomfield Civic Orchestra offers Music from the Movies

The final concert of the season will again feature the winners of the third Annual Youth Concerto Competition as well as many melodies made famous to movie goers over the years in their local theaters. Visit www.broomfieldcivicorchestra.org

Date is Sunday, May 22, at 7 p.m. Tickets: adults \$12, seniors \$10, and children \$5.

Gina Razon Mezzo Soprano presents a togethercoloured instant

Local Mezzo Soprano Gina Razón will premiere a *togethercoloured instant*, a song cycle in six movements by American composer Timothy Buckman, on May 25, 2011 at the Broomfield Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The six movements of a *togethercoloured instant* set the poetry of Emily Dickinson and e.e. cummings to the lush texture of Mr. Buckman's composition. Exploring the nature of love, discovery, and sensuality, Razón is accompanied by a chamber ensemble of flute, oboe, violin, viola, cello and double guitar.

The rest of the program will include such sensual classical masterworks as: *Trois Chansons de Bilitis* by Claude Debussy and *Mon coeur s'oevre a ta voix* from *Samson et Dalila* by Camille Saint-Saens among others.

Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$8 for students. Tickets may be purchased online only at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/155081>. Due to the sensual nature of the poetry, parental discretion is advised. This is a **PG 13** evening.

Mark the calendar:

April 27: Author Talk with Helen Thorpe, 7 p.m. Free.

April 29: Celebrate El Dia de Los Ninos. Featuring the Danzantes de Colores, Los Ninos and Fiesta Colorado Dancers. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 adults, children free.

April 30: Marvelous Musicales, 4 p.m. Free.

April 30: Mile High Freedom Band, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 children.

Auditorium ticket sales

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

