

City & County Manager's Report

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TO: Mayor Patrick Quinn and the Broomfield City Council

FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

Broomfield park-n-Ride moves May 2 to Arista Grand Parkade

Commuters will enjoy more parking and a smoother commute into Boulder and Denver beginning May 2 when the park-n-Ride moves from its existing location at 120th Avenue and Wadsworth, to the Arista Grand Parkade at Transit Way. As part of this move, the existing Broomfield park-n-Ride at 120th Avenue will close and new park-n-Ride and slip ramp stops will open May 2. The project is part of RTD's FasTracks.

Improvement Highlights include:

- A new pedestrian bridge will provide safe access for bus riders across U.S. 36.
- Estimated travel time savings for new Broomfield bus slip ramps: 6 to 8 minutes in each direction between Broomfield and Denver.
- New parking structure is complete, providing 1,500 covered parking spaces compared to 905 spaces at the existing Broomfield park-n-Ride.

- 940 spaces are specific to RTD passengers the remaining are shared with the 1STBANK Center.
- The new park-n-Ride location and bus-only slip ramps will complete U.S. 36 Phase I Transit Improvements, which combine to shave a total of up to 15 minutes off for bus commuters each way between Denver and Boulder.
- Affected bus routes: 76, 112, 120, 128, 228, B, AB, DD, DM, L, S, T, Interlocken/Westmoor and Broomfield call-n-Rides.
- The completion of the U.S. 36 Phase I Transit Improvements demonstrates the progress of FasTracks in connecting communities and paves the way for an easier commute along U.S. 36 when major construction begins.

For more information on the U.S. 36 Corridor Project, visit www.RTD-FasTracks.com

Earth Day for Kids emphasizes sustainability, natural resources

Broomfield's Environmental Services, Parks and Stormwater divisions of Public Works joined Colorado State University Master Gardeners to present the annual *Earth Day Just for Kids* on April 17, 2010.

This popular program emphasized sustainability and protection of natural resources. There were 35 children in attendance. Topics this year included water conservation and protection, and the importance of trees in the environment and community. Youngsters also learned about tree disease protection, verimcomposting and Zero Waste.

The hands-on activity for kids this year was concocting egg heads - planters similar to Chia Pets®, out of wheat grass. This craft was 100 percent compostable.

The children then planted a tree west of the Senior Center with the help of the Parks Division. This is the third tree that has been planted since the inception of the program.

At the end of the day, each child was given a reusable bag and information about composting, water conservation, and tree planting.

The event was publicized on the Broomfield Web site, the employee intranet, Channel 8, the city

community calendar, Be In The Loop, and in the *Broomfield Enterprise*.



Eeew!! Look at those worms.



A little water for the egg heads.

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Bay will open early this spring

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

Departments collaborate

To promote protection of air quality and water conservation, the Environmental Services and Parks divisions of Public Works, the Colorado State University Master Gardeners and the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library presented three educational opportunities in March: "Colorado Trees," and two sessions of "Designing a Xeriscape Yard."

The Colorado Trees lecture was filled to capacity with more than 40 attendees. Residents learned what types of trees to plant and how to maintain a healthy tree. *Nine Notable Trees of Colorado* calendars were awarded as door prizes for the tree class.

The xeriscape sessions began with a lecture followed by one-on-one landscape design sessions for 40 people. Attendees learned ways to update their yards or gardens with more water efficient plants to reduce water consumption. Three of the latest and greatest xeriscape books were awarded as door prizes at each lecture.

In addition, a large assortment of xeric landscaping books was also on display for quick check out from the library. The books instruct readers how to design and install a beautiful landscape that is water-efficient, low maintenance, and environmentally appropriate for Colorado's arid climate. The one-on-one landscape design sessions were available to residents to provide guidance and ideas to address particular challenges they have with their own yards and gardens.

Community Center pool spruces up

The swimming pool in the Broomfield Community Center has been improved after its annual maintenance closure.

Closed to patrons only five business days in March, improvements were possible because of the coordinated effort between staffs from

Aquatics, Facilities and CIP. The finished product is a shining pool area that looks ten years' younger.

Work included:

- Replace pool filtration system.
- Replace boilers for heating the pool and the recreation side of the building.
- Install new surge tank.
- Paint walls and floor of the life guard office.
- Re-tile bad areas of the floors in men's locker room.

- Apply clear, non-slip surface to the floors of both the men's and women's locker rooms.
- New kites hung from the ceiling in the pool area.
- Re-string four of the five existing lane markers for the pool.
- Repaint the entire deck surface.
- Repaint the bottom dark blue area of walls in pool area, and touch up the light blue areas.
- Repaint the hanging chain on the rope swing.
- Thoroughly clean locker rooms and pool area.

Looking ahead

Week to celebrate 'Public Works: Above, Below, and All Around You'

Broomfield's Public Works and Community Development departments are teaming up to celebrate National Public Works Week. Broomfield's celebration is part of a nationwide observance, May 16-22 this year, coordinated by the American Public Works Association.

The theme, "Public Works: Above, Below, and All Around You" captures how public works are often unseen, but relied upon by all.

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

They review, design, inspect and administer the construction of new streets, parks, utility systems and improvements to new facilities like the library, court and the detention facility. They repair, plow, and sweep the streets, maintain the parks and play fields, repair water and sewer lines, provide quality drinking water, and treat wastewater.

They monitor water quality and industrial sewer discharges. They offer used motor oil and cooking oil recycling programs, the tree branch drop off center for recycling, spring cleanup, and household hazardous waste disposal. They manage the Broomfield Recycling Center, the city's mosquito program contracts and offer other environmental services.

When residents contact Public Works or Community Development, they find employees who are responsive, helpful, and courteous.

Mayor Pat Quinn has proclaimed the week of May 16-22, 2010, as Public Works Week in Broomfield. Public Works Week gives staff an opportunity to promote their departments, the work that they do, and the services they provide. Staff will create a display for the lobby during National Public Works Week to spotlight the various divisions.

Two more Spring Cleanup days

Broomfield's popular Spring Clean up program has two more Saturdays left for Broomfield residents to set out large non-hazardous items, for free curbside pickup.

Western Disposal Services is the contractor picking up large unusable items from Broomfield residents' curbs on designated Saturdays. The final two are May 1 and 8. Maps published in the *Broomfield Enterprise* and shown on the city's Web site and Channel 8 show the designated pickup day for the areas of the city. Areas west of Main Street were scheduled last Saturday, April 24.

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

other items collected will be disposed of as garbage in the solid waste landfill.

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

Household Hazardous Waste Day

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

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

April is Poetry Month

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

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

More at the Library:

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

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

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

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

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

Open Space Foundation collaborates for fishing derby

The Broomfield Open Space Foundation and the Colorado Division of Wildlife are collaborating with Broomfield in a free Fishing Derby at Tom Frost Reservoir, Midway and Lowell boulevards, on Saturday, May 15, from 7:30 a.m. to noon. The activity is for children ages 6 to 12.

Tom Frost Reservoir has limited parking at the trailhead, but additional parking is available at the Paul Derda Recreation Center, 13201 Lowell Boulevard. There is a trail that connects the Derda Center to Tom Frost on the west side of the Derda Center in the open space. Participants may also take the sidewalk along Lowell Boulevard from the Derda Center to the reservoir. The walk will take about 5 to 10 minutes.

Division of Wildlife officers will explain casting, knot tying, catch and release, and safety and fishing laws in a fun and interactive program at a series of stations around the reservoir. After completing this introductory fishing clinic, children will be given fishing poles and bait and will have a one-hour time slot to fish afterwards.

Parent or guardian supervision is required. Open Space Foundation volunteers will be on hand to help the children fish.

Registration is required and began on **April 8.** Call 303-464-5501 or 303-460-6901 and sign up for

one of the following time slots using the code number shown. (Registration is limited to 75 children.)

Ćode	Day	Time
37807	Sat	7:30 am
37808	Sat	8:30 am
37809	Sat	9:30 am

Anyone with specific questions about the event may mail BOSF@q.com and a Broomfield Open Space Foundation member will reply.

Mark the calendar

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

May 7: Broomfield Meals on Wheels basket auction. Silent auction and reception 6 p.m. followed by live auction. For information or to donate a basket, call 303.464.5527.

Capital projects ...

Broomfield Community Center Boiler and Pump Room Replacement

City Council approved a construction agreement with Saunders Construction in October. The contractor immediately attempted to begin work, but after calling for utility locates, a major Xcel Energy electrical distribution line was discovered that was in conflict with the expansion.



The electrical line was not located where indicated on existing Xcel Energy maps. The project was put on hold until Xcel Energy could relocate the electrical line, at no cost to Broomfield. Xcel Energy's relocation work was substantially complete on Jan. 8, and work on the mechanical room expansion recommenced on Jan. 11.

The building addition is complete and the pool was converted to the new mechanical systems and boiler during the Spring Break shut down the week of March 22. The contractor is now completing site restoration and landscaping repair.

Detention Center Expansion

City Council approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) agreement with Haselden Construction for the construction of the Broomfield Police Department Detention Center Expansion on July 28, 2009. The work includes a 3,600 square-foot addition to the administration area of the building, a 23,000 square-foot addition to the detention/housing area, and approximately 10,000 square feet of remodel to the existing facility. The overall project is proceeding slightly ahead of schedule.



The administration addition is substantially complete and new office furniture has been installed. The contractor has completed the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and the steel panel jail cells in the detention/housing addition. Near term work will include framing and drywall in the Alternative Sentencing Unit (ASU) and Men's and Women's Pod areas.

Skate Park Renovation

A team consisting of Recreation Services and CIP staff was formed to manage the Skate Park Renovation project. Council reviewed an informational memo on July 28, 2009, and staff was directed to proceed with the project. A design-build agreement with Team Pain was approved by Council in October. A design kickoff and community meeting in December at the Broomfield Community Center brought the design forward for discussion.



The Broomfield Skate Park is now closed for the renovation. Team Pain is installing site fencing and is starting to remove of the ramps. The demolition of the concrete bowls began in early April. It is anticipated that the park will be closed until July.

Bay Body Slides - Total Budget \$418,290

A study of improvements and expansion to the Bay was completed in December 2007. Various items from the report have been incorporated into the 5-year CIP plan. The 2010 CIP budget includes \$325,000 for the body slide replacement, \$63,290 for upgrades to the interactive play feature and \$30,000 for the refurbishment of the ramp slides. The upgrades to the interactive play feature have been deferred until fall 2010 or spring

2011. Safety concerns on the interactive play feature have already been addressed.

In response to the RFP, one proposal for the ramp slides was received from PurePlay, Inc., in the amount of \$30,900. PurePlay completed similar work on the tot pool slides and this is performing well. The work on the ramp slides will be completed prior to The Bay's opening in May.

A structural assessment of the support structure for the body slides (see photo) was performed and it was determined that the support structure is sound, so staff is recommending refurbishment of the slides in lieu of replacement. The lowest proposal was from PurePlay, Inc., for \$47,595. An agreement with PurePlay has been executed for this work.

The proposed refurbishment by PurePlay has a 2year warranty, an expected life span of 10 years and will be completed prior to the Bay opening at the end of May.

Staff intends to send out a "Request for Proposals" to architects and consultants in May to take the expansion study of the Bay to the next level of detail this year including looking at how to accommodate the phased construction approach and the design of the new buildings.



Departmental updates ...

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

This year, the Public Health Division will be conducting a community health assessment for Broomfield in accordance with state law.

The Community assessment includes a survey of individuals, identified by the Health and Human Services Advisory Committee (HHSAC) and by HHS staff. It will include community partners,

businesses, organizations, faith-based organizations, Council's representatives to the HHSAC, and staff. The survey will ask for the participant's opinions regarding community health issues, capacity, resources, challenges, etc. and is designed to help identify and prioritize community health issues.

Staff is contacting organizations and individuals to determine if they would be willing to participate in the survey. The survey work will be done by students with the Colorado School of Public Health. Direct costs to Broomfield will be minimal.

RECREATION SERVICES

Active Adult – Arthritis Foundation classes are up in numbers – the Monday-Wednesday-Friday class at the Broomfield Community Center is averaging 40 participants per class.

Aquatics – Over 900 people registered for swimming lessons this month. Registration continues to increase as the summer months approach. The private swimming lesson program has flourished since changes were made to require participants to sign up for private lessons, similar to other programs, and pay a set amount for classes in advance. This method helps with instructor scheduling and greater availability for those wanting private swim lessons.

The indoor playground at the Paul Derda Recreation Center was *not* closed April 1-4 as scheduled due to scheduling conflicts.

Bay bookings have started for the 2010 summer season.

Season pass sales for the Bay will begin in April.

Athletics – Mini Haha lottery registration took place on Monday, March 22. All 550 spots were filled and there are 90 people on the waitlist for the event. All Broomfield resident applicants were registered for the event. The Mini Haha Triathlon will take place on Sunday, June 13. Triathlon Training classes begin in March.

Fitness – On March 25, Veronica Mueller, recreation fitness coordinator, gave a two-hour presentation on "What Movement Does for You" to employees as part of the city wellness curriculum.

Mueller discussed the benefits of regular physical activity, cholesterol and how to control it, blood pressure, chronic diseases, stress reduction, weight control, exercise plans and sleep requirements.

The goal of the presentation was to attract employees to a fitness class and use Recreation facilities, which are part of employee benefits.

Marketing – Staff put together a booth displaying opportunities for health, fitness and employment through Recreation Services at the White Wave Foods employee health fair and at the Workforce Center hiring event at 1STBANK Center.

Welcome letters were sent inviting new Broomfield residents to try out the Paul Derda Recreation Center and subscribe to B in the Loop. An incentive to subscribe to B in the Loop was a coupon offering discounts on annual passes at the Derda Center.

An additional campaign to attract new subscribers to B in the Loop offers those who subscribe a coupon for discounts to the Derda Center sent via email the next business day. The discounts apply to both renewing and new memberships.

Youth
Basketball
Night with the
Denver
Nuggets was
Thursday,
March 18.
Recreation
Services sold
over 300
tickets to the
game. Youth
Basketball
participants
who went



were treated to watching team warm-ups from the bench, playing a short, 8-minute basketball game on the Pepsi Center court during half-time, and giving high fives in the fan tunnels before the game and at the end of half time.

The Nuggets surprised participants at the last minute, with a complimentary suite for four people. The lucky four who received the opportunity were a single mom and her three children.

Peak Entertainment provided a suite at the April 17 Roller Dolls bout at the 1STBANK Center as a prize for the Senior Bridge Tournament April 16.

AEG Live through Peak Entertainment donated tickets to patrons at the Paul Derda Recreation Center for the Chris Daughtry concert on April 20 at the 1STBANK Center. Recognition is always given when these tickets are disbursed. The

priority is to make sure recipients of complimentary tickets know that the tickets are compliments of the new operator of the 1STBANK Center. Peak Entertainment, LLC.

Youth and Teen – Tickets for the One Republic Concert for Broomstock will be sold at the Broomfield Community Center. Cost is \$25 per ticket for residents only. The goal is to sell 2,000 tickets through the Community Center.

At the Audi ...

Summer Youth Players

Broomfield Summer Youth Players will hold auditions in June for its annual performance. High school students present a play each summer and learn how to produce it entirely including sets, costumes, acting, ticket sales and promotion.

For more information call 303.464.5835.



Mayor Pat Quinn offers congratulatory remarks on April 16 during the dedication of Broomfield's newest art piece, 'Leaves and Feathers' in the lobby of the City and County Building.

Featured

May 1: Sound Circle, 7 p.m. Tickets \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and students.

May 2: Sound Circle, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and students

May 8: Boulder Chamber Orchestra's *Symphonic Frolic.* 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and students.

May 13: Science, Sights and Sounds with Ballet Nouveau Colorado, 7 p.m. Free.

May 15: Ballet Nouveau Colorado, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$16 adults, \$10 seniors and students

May 21: P'Zazz and Dynamix do *Broadway's Orphans.* 7 p.m. Tickets \$12 adults, \$8 seniors and children under 12.

May 22: Broomfield Civic Orchestra Season Finale. 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and students, \$4 children under 12.

May 30: Elite Dance Academy, 2:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets \$16 adults, \$9 seniors and children under 10.

June 3: Accordion concert by John Heinz and Marilyn Howard, 7 p.m. Tickets \$5.

June 9: Einstein and Neils Bohr present *A Fairy Tale*, 7 p.m. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and students.

Auditorium ticket sales

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