



City & County Manager's Report

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TO: Mayor Patrick Quinn and the Broomfield City Council

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Mayor Quinn participates in Meals on Wheels delivery

Mayor Pat Quinn participated in Broomfield's Mayors For Meals 2009, joining over 1,000 mayors delivered meals with their local Meals On Wheels program to the homebound seniors in their communities. Mayors and elected officials from all over the United States took time out of their day to deliver a meal to a senior. Also participating was Representative Dianne Primavera.

At left, Mayor Quinn gathers a meal to deliver from volunteer JoAnn Benter with Ginny Tignor in the background.

New law assesses late fees on license plate renewals due in April

The recently passed Senate Bill 09-108 will assess late fees to owners of vehicles who renew license plates after the grace period. The late fees, which can be as high as \$100, will go into effect for vehicles that are required to be registered in April and afterwards.

The late fee is \$25 for the first month, or portion thereof, after the 30-day grace period expires, and an additional \$25 will be assessed thereafter for each month, or portion of a month, up to \$100.

For example, a vehicle whose registration expired in April has a grace period during May. If the vehicle is registered in June, a \$25 late fee will be assessed. Later registration in July would add \$50, August \$75, Sept. \$100 and Oct. \$100.

Vehicles that have been issued temporary registrations are subject to the late fee. For example, if a temporary permit expiration date is June 3, and the vehicle is registered after that date, the \$25 late fee will be assessed. If the vehicle is not registered until July, the fee would be \$50, August \$75, Sept. \$100 and Oct. \$100. Individuals who move to Colorado from out of state and do not register their vehicle within 90 days of residency will be charged late fees up to \$100.

Vehicles purchased by Colorado residents will be assessed late



fees 61 days after the purchase date if the vehicle is not registered.

Vehicles used to operate a commercial business as part of the normal operation of the business are exempt from late fees if the vehicle has not been operated on any public highway in Colorado for one full registration period.

GFOA awards Broomfield Finance Department top honor

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has again awarded Broomfield a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2007 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Broomfield has received this award for 18 consecutive years.

The Certificate of Achievement is a national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports.

Participation in the program and receipt of the award demonstrates Broomfield's commitment to full disclosure of financial information.

GFOA is a nationally recognized professional association of state/provincial and local finance officers in the United States and Canada and is dedicated to sound management of government financial resources.

The Certificate Program, established in 1945, recognizes and encourages excellence in financial reporting by state and local governments. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for one year only.

Key components recognized through the award include clarity, comparability and completeness of the financial information presented in the CAFR.

Police training includes 'bug out'

In March, the Police Communications Center practiced dispatching from its secondary location at the Detention Center.

These drills allow staff to practice evacuation of the primary Communications Center at headquarters, 7 DesCombes Dr., and work for several hours from the jail. These drills also give the detention staff an opportunity to practice setting up the equipment at the off-site location.

The owner of a vehicle who is active in the military serving outside Colorado when the registration grace period expires, if the vehicle has not been operated on any public highway in Colorado between the time the registration period expired, including the grace period, and the time the vehicle is registered will be exempt late fees.

The sessions allow staff to practice operating under unusual circumstances, so if they need to evacuate the police building due to a legitimate crisis, they are fully trained in operating the equipment in the backup location.

Currently, the Communications Center is not able to transfer 911 calls to the secondary location, so minimal staff remains at the Communications Center to handle those emergency phone calls. In the future, those calls and all radio functions will be done from the secondary location.

Trail Adventure set for June 6 at Aspen Creek Middle School



Broomfield's eighth annual Trail Adventure is scheduled this year for Saturday, June 6, in conjunction with National Trails Day. The event will begin

at Aspen Creek Middle School and will feature the Lake Link Trail, the Aspen pedestrian underpass, and several new trail connections.

There will be a main 3-mile trail walk, as well as a shorter 1-mile loop for families and a longer 5-mile loop for bikers. There will also be information tables and educational displays, water and refreshments for participants. Registration for the event will start at 7:30 a.m., and the event will begin at 8 a.m. There is no charge.

Also, this year the Broomfield Trail Adventure will be joined by the Broomfield Family Wellness Event, featuring health education information and activities for kids.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the event is asked to call 303.438.6216.

For more information, visit www.broomfieldopenspace.com.

HHS hosts SafeKids Week with car seat checks and more

Broomfield HHS is hosting special activities for SafeKids Week April 26 through May 4.



Planned for Saturday, May 2, is "Road to Safety," a free child safety event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Broomfield Home Depot, in the Broomfield Town Center, 120th Ave. and Sheridan Blvd.

The event will include free fit stations to ensure proper car seat installations. The fit stations will be run by certified technicians from the North Metro Fire Rescue District and Broomfield's Health and Human Resources Department.

SafeKids will also have hands-on educational booths. North Metro Fire will bring a fire engine and kids of all ages will "tour" a working firing engine.

For more information, call 720.887.2217.

Public Works Week celebrates 'Revitalize, Reinvest, Renew' theme

The Public Works and Community Development departments are teaming up to celebrate National Public Works Week May 17 to 23. Broomfield's celebration is part of a nationwide observance coordinated by the American Public Works Association.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Revitalize, Reinvest, Renew" and signals a change in thinking and a new direction in practice:

- Revitalizing infrastructure means finding new ways to sustain performance, using new materials and increasing efficiency.
- Reinvesting in infrastructure will ensure safety, longevity and a positive quality of life.
- Renewing infrastructure means replacing and reinvigorating the systems and structures on which everyone depends.

Public Works and Community Development employees are "everyday heroes" who face the challenges of improving the quality of life in Broomfield every day by maintaining and protecting valued assets and services.

These departments have 223 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 new facilities like the library, court and 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 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 citizens contact Public Works or Community Development, they will find that the employees are responsive, helpful, and courteous.

The Mayor has proclaimed the week of May 17 to 23, 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 that they provide.

Staff will sponsor a display for the lobby during National Public Works Week to highlight recent projects and achievements.

Broomfield assessor advises notices of value go out May 1

Broomfield Assessor John Storb is advising residents that 2009 is a reappraisal year in Broomfield as it is for all Colorado assessor offices. Under Colorado state statute, assessors

are required to determine the value, as of June 30, 2008, for all types of property.

To value residential properties, sales from January 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 are analyzed. For commercial/industrial properties, income and expense data are also analyzed.

On May 1 Notices of Value will be mailed. To see how the residential values were determined, Storb advises residents that information regarding comparable sales is available on the Broomfield Assessor's Web page at www.broomfield.org/centralrecords/assessor.shtml

In the left column, under "Comparable Sales 2009," there are sales for similar properties, listed by subdivision and filing, that were used to establish the values. Click on the subdivision filing to see the expanded list of sales, with their characteristics. Residents can check for sales in their neighborhoods prior to receiving a Notice of Value in May.

Nationwide, for the last several years, the real estate market has been very volatile, with large increases and large decreases in value in several major markets. However, in Colorado - and Broomfield specifically - the market has been much less volatile, Storb said.

In May, after receiving the Notice of Value, residents who think the value is incorrect can appeal the valuation to the Assessor's Office.

Appeals forms are attached to the Notice of Value, so residents do not need to appeal in person. The completed appeals form can be mailed, faxed or scanned and emailed. The form must be signed to be considered valid.

By statute, the Assessor's value is the value of property as of June 30, 2008, not the current market value. Only sales that occurred between January 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008, can be used as comparables.

In both up and down markets, the Assessor's office agrees that the value has probably changed since June 30, 2008. The value is about ten months old when homeowners receive the Notice of Value.

Every two years, in odd-numbered years, the Assessor's office reappraises all property, both real and personal. The value date is always June 30 of the prior even-numbered year. This appraisal date is a consistent reference point and a regular interval. Current market values are established by buyers and sellers. After the fact, the Assessor's office analyzes the market data.

The Assessor's Office determines the values that the taxing authorities use to establish their budgets for the following year. The various taxing authorities set the mill levy for their jurisdictions, and the Treasurer then collects the taxes.

Anyone with questions about the valuation process is encouraged to contact the Assessor's Office at 303.464.5819.

Weatherization program open to Broomfield residents

Longs Peak Energy Conservation (LPEC) will continue to provide weatherization services for Broomfield residents. LPEC's funding for this program is provided by the State's Energy Savings Partners Program.

When the Broomfield program began in 2007, it was estimated that between 11 and 23 homes would be weatherized each year. In 2008 this forecast was greatly surpassed with 47 Broomfield residences served.

Through the weatherization program, licensed technicians perform energy audits, check for carbon monoxide poisoning and gas leaks, add insulation, and perform furnace checks, repairs, and replacements. The technicians also air seal homes and replace older non-energy efficient refrigerators.

There are only advantages to this program. The work is provided for free, utility bills are lowered, safety issues in the home are addressed, and energy consumption is reduced.

Eligible properties include owner- and tenant-occupied single-family homes, multi-family units, and mobile homes.

The program was initially only open to residents who could income-qualify for the federal Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) with a maximum household income of 120 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (\$38,203 for a 4-person household). The program threshold was later increased to 80 percent of the Area Median Income (\$59,600) to make the program available to more residents.

Broomfield Community Challenge continues to May 20

Recreation Services is helping bring the Community Challenge to the Broomfield community in support of the *Healthy Broomfield* initiative.

This health program is funded by America on the Move for Recreation Services to provide personnel and venue (instructors, personal trainers and the recreation facility), for initial and final weigh-ins, with weekly checks in-between.

Every Sunday, five to six lucky Challenge participants will be chosen to take advantage of a free class (Zumba or Boot Camp) at the Paul Derda Recreation Center.

Recreation Services has new software in place and personal trainers qualified and ready to begin offering nutrition consultation as a part of weight management services offered at the Derda Center. This begins with an initial consultation to

collect personal profile data about current body composition, goals, professional activity, exercise activity and eating habits.

From that information, participants will be provided with:

- Estimated number of calories they typically consume each day.
- Deficiencies in vitamins and minerals in the current diet.
- Estimated calories needed to meet personal weight goals.
- Meal plans and grocery lists designed to meet the participant's health and fitness needs and goals.
- A realistic date to reach the targeted body weight.

The 12-week consultation program includes analysis, meal planning, body composition information and four 30-minute follow-up appointments. Current annual pass holders and those in the SilverSneakers® program receive a 25 percent discount.

Looking ahead

Police to host training

Broomfield's Police are hosting Damage Assessment Training on May 1 from 8 a.m. to noon at the City and County Building, 1 DesCombes Drive.

The class is offered by the Colorado Division of Emergency Management as a resource to assist those tasked with building a plan for post-disaster damage assessment.

Ninth annual Mini Haha Triathlon set for June 14

This year is the ninth annual Mini HaHa Triathlon Sunday, June 14, and registration is already full at 513 participants.

Would-be participants who submitted their completed registration forms to Recreation Services by the deadline were entered into a lottery.

All who submitted their forms were accommodated, with 25 remaining slots available.

By the end of the day on March 17, all available Mini Haha slots were filled.

Coming to the Event Center:

The Wiggles, are setting out on their wildest adventure to date. The fab four from down under are back with a brand new lineup of songs from their latest album "The Wiggles Go Bananas." The Wiggles, Captain Feathersword, Dorothy the Dinosaur, Henry the Octopus, Wags the Dog and all the Wiggly Dancers invite their fans to join them as they "Go Bananas Live!"

The Wiggling commences at the Broomfield Event Center on Thursday, July 30 for performances at 3 and 6:30 p.m.

Tickets went on sale to the general public on Friday, April 24, and are available through all Ticketmaster locations (www.Ticketmaster.com), charge-by-phone at 800-745-3000 and the Broomfield Event Center box office. Prices range from \$18 - \$35 (additional facility fees and service charges may apply).

Seating for tickets purchased at the \$35 level will take place in the "hot potato seats" and will include an exclusive Wiggles giveaway.

Come and wiggle in the aisles as The Wiggles Go Bananas Live! Tour brings *The Wiggles* highly interactive, fun and educational message to Denver, CO. Audience participation features include:

- Having fun with your favorite wiggly pal as they sing and dance through the audience
- Start the fun at home by creating a Wiggles sign and/or dressing up as your favorite character

- Yelling "Wake up, Jeff!" whenever the loveable Purple Wiggle falls asleep onstage.
- Bringing roses, for dancing pal Dorothy the Dinosaur, and bones, for canine comedian Wags the Dog, that The Wiggles and Wiggly Dancers collect during the show

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

Capital projects ...

Detention Center Expansion: City Council approved funding for an expansion of the Police Detention and Training Facility in June 2008. The expansion will add approximately 138 new beds and includes approximately 30,000 square feet of new building area and 10,000 square feet of remodel to the existing facility. Council approved design agreements in August.



Photo simulation of detention housing addition – looking to the west

A public open house in March was followed by an informal update to the council. The guaranteed maximum price contract with Haselden will be presented to the council in May or June.

The agreement with Haselden Construction for Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) services was approved in October.

Design documents will be completed in April 2009. The contractor will be establishing a guaranteed maximum price.

Police Department/Combined Courts Sally Port Improvements - Funding for the Police Department and Combined Courts building sally port was

included with the Council approved funding for the Police Detention and Police Training Facility in June. The sally port improvements involve adding structural masonry walls and detention grade security gates to the exterior of the north side of the Police/Courts Building at 17 DesCombes Drive. This will create a 2,670 square foot secure outdoor space to allow detainee transfers to be completed in a secure and private area.



Haselden Construction has finished all major structural and security components of the sally port. Final painting of the metalwork will be scheduled when the weather is warmer and dryer. The specialty security doors have been ordered and will be delivered in late April. They will be installed and painted and the sally port will be substantially complete. Training and testing will occur throughout the month of May.

2009 Waterline Replacements & Re-use Waterline Installations – The contract for the 2009 Waterline Replacement and Reuse Waterline Project was approved by the City Council in January.

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Waterline Replacements:

Reuse Waterline Installation: The segments included in this year's project are shown in the following table.

Segment	Type	Status
Midway	Domestic	Scheduled to start in April
Balboa Court	Domestic	Scheduled to start in late May
Daphne Street	Domestic	Scheduled to start in June
Cedar Court	Domestic	Scheduled to start in August
Monterey Court	Domestic	Scheduled to start in September
Carr Street	Domestic	Scheduled to start in October.

The contractor is tentatively scheduled to begin in mid to late May. The weather is expected to improve in May and the requested crew that specializes in residential work will be available.

Reuse Waterline Installation – The segments included in this year's project are:

Segment	Type	Status
East side of Wildgrass	Reuse	Completed
Northern Line Connections	Raw	Tie in Complete - Vault in Process
Reuse Connection	Reuse	In Process

The 24-inch reuse waterline segment near Wildgrass has been completed, charged and tested. This has allowed some of the Wildgrass parks to convert from potable to reuse water. Two tie-ins to the Northern Line and a tie into the Reuse line were needed as part of the Sienna and Broomfield Reservoir work. The tie-ins to the northern lines were completed and the line is back in operation. Work will start on the tie into the reuse line in April.

The contractor and staff are reviewing the materials (vaults, meters, etc.) for the connection into Sienna Reservoir and will be ordering the materials in April. Installation and restoration of the area is expected to be completed by the end of May.

Departmental updates ...

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

Last week, LiveWell Broomfield and the Colorado Physical Activity and Nutrition Program encouraged Broomfieldites to participate in "TV Turnoff Week," by turning off their televisions and



video games for seven days.

The event, designed to fight obesity, improve literacy and encourage stronger community

involvement, was an effort to link people back to the community by hiking or walking as families using the parks, trails, playgrounds and recreation centers. Children were encouraged to walk, bike or roll to school every day.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment reports that Americans spend an average of nine hours each day in front of electronic-screened media. In the course of a year, Americans spend more time in front of a

screen than in school, at work or in bed asleep. Turning off the television is one small step individuals and families can make toward a healthier lifestyle.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency Management Division – At the 9Health Fair on April 18 at the Broomfield United Methodist Church, Emergency Management staff provided Citizen Preparedness information to attendees. Communications Supervisor Brian Goeman assisted with on-site registration for the new enhanced "E911" system available to cell phone and Volp phone subscribers. Health Fair attendees were able to register their cell phones to enable the phone to receive citizen notifications.

Also in April, Emergency Management, in conjunction with FISH, coordinated the bi-annual rotation of the emergency supply cache. Food supplies are dated and rotated each spring and fall. Items taken from the cache at the Police

Department are moved to the FISH storage area at 12 Garden Center, to be used for those in need.

RECREATION SERVICES

Early Learning – The Early Learning classes enjoyed Paul Derda acting as Dr. Suess, during Dr. Suess Week. A special activity during the week, was a field trip to The Egg and I to eat green eggs and ham and listen to Dr. Suess stories from the doctor himself (Paul Derda).

During *Community Helpers Week* in March, police officers, dentists, a chef, lifeguards, a nurse, a computer expert, financial planner, fire fighters and many more came to visit. Many of these were actually parents of the pre-school children, who donated their time and services.

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

Marketing - In recent months, staff has launched a marketing push for the SilverSneakers® program. This program provides individuals 65 years and over with the opportunity to stay or become more active. Those who are covered under qualifying insurance programs, are able to receive an annual membership to the Paul Derda Recreation Center at no cost to them.

Many who have qualified and registered in the past for various reasons have discontinued coming. Letters were sent to all inactive members encouraging them to come back and try it again.

This was followed up with personal phone calls to answer questions and increase awareness of the

many things offered through this program.

During March, the increased marketing efforts paid off with unprecedented attendance numbers. At the Paul Derda Recreation Center, there were 3,152 participations, bringing in \$10,000 revenue, and at the Broomfield Community Center there were 1,916 participations, for \$6,412 in revenue.

Youth and Teens – The Spring Break Out program in March boasted an enrollment of 300 participants. Kids ages 6 to 12 years enjoyed trips to Fat City, Swimming at the Derda Center, roller skating, Pump it Up/Aquarium, Amazing Jake's, Splitz, and a movie.

- The March Student Art Show had over 250 participants who displayed their art. Approximately 350 people visited the art show at the Broomfield Community Center.
- A new Youth Fitness program every week day after school provides young kids to improve their health habits in a fun way and expel some "sit in school all day" energy at the same time.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, there's "Fun 'n Fitness" both on land and in the pool. Tuesdays feature "Youth Cardio Games," Thursdays have "Youth Yoga," and on Fridays, there's "Jump n Rope," a program new to Recreation Services.

Jump rope is one of the fastest growing sports in the world. Whether it be for competition, performance or fitness, jump rope is always fun. It is considered one of the top three exercises to burn calories the fastest, and guarantees that kids will get in tip top shape and with over 10,000 tricks to learn – never a dull moment!

"JumpNrope" was founded in 2007 by Molly Metz, a five-time world champion rope skipper with a passion to teach, inspire and grow the sport of jump rope.

At the Audi ...

In the gallery

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

Enlightenment Journeys from May 1 to 15 on Fridays from 2 to 5 p.m. and during Broomfield Auditorium events. Beverly Schiller will display bronze sculptures of a Guardian Angel Bust, Life Mate Doves, and a Great Blue Heron. These

sculptures will be on display for a limited time along with more spiritual art featuring works by Tim Hogan and Chandra Bezjak.

Broomstock Student Art Show May 15 to June 4. See the talented art of Broomfield area teens before the annual Broomstock event.

Student art is raw. It's uninhibited. It's emotional. It's real. It's really good. Some pieces are for sale and the students choose if the profit goes to fund future Broomstock events or if they keep it themselves.

View this display Fridays from 2 to 5 p.m. and during Broomfield Auditorium events.

Auditorium Events:

Friday, May 1, Boulder Chamber Orchestra presents the final concert of this season. Titled *The Pioneers*, it features music selections from Richard Wagner – *Siegfried Idyl*, Ludwig Von Beethoven – *Piano Concerto No. 1 in C Major, Op. 15* and *Symphony No. 2 in D Major*. Special guest is Maurizio Moretti, piano. Tickets: \$20 general admission, students and seniors are \$10 and children under 12 are free.

Saturday, May 2, at 2 p.m. Aster Women's Chamber Choir presents "Legends, Laughter and Lullabies" in a concert for families with children age 6 and older. Featured are story-teller Katherine Linstrom and Celtic harpist Margot Krimmel. The music chosen for this concert combines the best of previous family concerts – a rollicking arrangement of a Hebrew folk song, Chad Gadya, some Celtic and Spanish lullabies and fanciful songs in Japanese and English about fireflies, spiders, ladybugs, airplanes and much more. Suggested donation: \$12 adults, \$8 students, seniors and \$20 for a family of four or more. Available at the door or in advance from the box office on Fridays from 2 to 5 p.m.

Friday, May 2, 7:30 p.m. The Broomfield Civic Orchestra's Home Grown Concert. Broomfield and the Front Range are full of local talent and this concert features the winners of the Youth Concerto competition.

Each winner will perform one movement of a concerto with the orchestra. This performance also includes original works of local artists and composers. This is the final concert of the season. Tickets: \$10 general admission, \$8 seniors and students, \$4 kids under 12. Available at the door or in advance online and at the box office Fridays from 2 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, May 7, at 7 p.m. Science Sights and Sounds celebrates Cinco de Mayo with *Danzantes de Fiesta Colorado*. This group of youth dancers has performed throughout Colorado. Awe-inspiring renditions of traditional and modern Hispanic dance provides entertainment for the whole family. Free. Tickets available starting at 6 p.m. at the box office.

Saturday, May 9, 2 p.m. Danse etoile Ballet presents the *Triplettes of Belville*, based on the 2003 award-winning French animated movie. A young boy named Champion is raised by his grandmother, Madame Souza. Souza, otherwise known as Meme, is an elderly Portuguese emigrant trying to help her grandson overcome his sadness over the loss of his parents. Tickets: \$15 general admission, \$10 children under 10, \$40 for family of 4. Available at the door or in advance at the box office on Fridays from 2 to 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 16, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. see the school of Ballet Nouveau Colorado present "Alice and Other Stories," a student company production. The student company will perform Ballet Nouveau's signature 80s version of *The Ugly Duckling*, along with a winter-themed ballet called *The Skaters*. Last on the show's program is *Alice*, based on the original book "Alice in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll. Music ranges from classical to rock. A great production for children. Tickets: \$16 for adults and \$10 for children, students and seniors.

Auditorium ticket sales

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

