May 24, 2005

TO: Mayor Stuart and the Broomfield City Council

FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

In Review

Paul Derda Center recognized nationally with Great Expectations Award for innovative architecture

Broomfield's Paul Derda Recreation Center is recognized in the May/June edition of *Recreation Management Magazine* as the Great Expectations award winner for innovative architecture, its most prestigious recognition. An article about the center features an extensive picture gallery "tour" of the building, and comments from CIP Manager Melanie Richmond and Recreation Services Director Bob Prince.

The project was submitted for the award by Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture in Denver.

Judges' comments include: "Attention to eye-popping details everywhere," "It combines style with an exciting layout," and "Creative floorplan with a surprise around every corner!"

Ribbon cutting ceremonies celebrate award- winning, first-in-nation Phase I expansion of Wastewater Treatment Facility

Broomfield officials celebrated the successful completion of the Phase 1 expansion and upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant last Tuesday, with ribbon-cutting ceremonies under a tent at the plant.

The event also highlighted Broomfield's 50 years of dedication to the prevention of water pollution and preservation of the environment.

The Phase 1 expansion faced challenges that were solved with a collaboration between city staff and key

participants in the project, including AnoxKaldnes Inc. of Rhode Island, Lillard and Clark Construction Co., and Black and Veatch Engineers.

The city and its contractors took on the challenge of expanding and upgrading the treatment facility with the added challenge of doing it in limited land space.

After much study and collaboration, a new technology was piloted, combining the proven fixed film and activated sludge process. The result is the successful and award winning project that was celebrated last week.

The Moving Bed Biofilm Reactor was developed in Norway at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology and is marketed by AnoxKaldnes. The Kaldnes Moving BedTM process, which is patented around the world, is based on biofilm carriers that are suspended in the reactors, serving as a home for bacterial cultures.

Broomfield's use of this integrated fixed-film activated sludge system marks the first of its kind in the nation, garnering Broomfield the Project of the Year award from the



American Public Works Association Colorado Chapter. This 2004 Public Works Environmental Project award for a medium-sized community is a significant accomplishment.

The treatment plant is a showcase for everybody to visit and see state-of-the-art treatment. City staff noted that they have conducted tours for municipal officials from all over the country and Europe.

By upgrading the treatment plant to include the new system, the facility has succeeded in meeting more stringent discharge requirements for ammonia, phosphorus and nitrates without having to expand the size of its footprint. The project also allows the plant to increase its treatment capacity to 8 million gallons a day, up from 5.4 million gallons.

The new combination of traditional activated sludge treatment technology with moving bed reactor technology is a state-of-the-art method that saved Broomfield \$4 million in construction costs.

Departmental updates

PUBLIC WORKS FIELD WORK

<u>Utilities Division</u>: The jet maintenance crew has completed cleaning the sewer lines in the Broomfield Heights/Miramonte Farms area. The crew is currently cleaning the sewer lines in the Ridgeview Heights area. The total cleaning footage for the month of April was 87,000 feet. The video inspection Crew is approximately 90 percent complete inspecting sewer lines that are associated with the cape seal street program. Total footage inspected for the month of April was 10,664 feet.

The video inspection crew is currently inspecting sewer lines that are associated with the cape seal street program, and sewer crews have completed geographic positioning system work for all manholes in the Flatiron Market Place and are also video inspecting the sewer lines.

The Utility Division has also completed the annual spring flush. The program is usually performed annually to ensure that high quality water will continue to be delivered to our customers.

The program was suspended for the past three years due to the drought conditions. Utility personnel flushed the entire system over a five week period between April 1, through May 6, 2005:

- 2200 Fire hydrants were flushed
- 48 fire hydrant repairs were made
- 35 fire hydrant obstruction notices were delivered
- 660 man-hours were recorded
- 15 million gallons were flushed and dechlorinated.

But the best news is that there were no customer service complaints recorded!

Parks Division: The parks department began the broadleaf weed spraying in the parks and right of ways the week of May 2. Two different contractors as well as city crews did the spraying. Nitro-Green of Boulder County and DesignScapes are the two contracted applicators. Areas were flagged per EPA regulation after applications were completed and were picked up as soon as areas dried and were safe to use. Once the grass is dry it is safe to use for all activities as well as for pets. Anyone with questions regarding the spraying may call 303-438-6334.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: setting the pace

IT staff learned from police victim advocate personnel that the Town of Parker was very interested in the software Broomfield uses to track victim data. This software was originally written in-house and has been refined and expanded over the last four years. The program allows the Police Department to gather and report victim assistance statistics and is critical to supporting grant requests to fund the Victim Advocate Program. IT staff prepared a version of the software for Parker by removing all Broomfield data and providing documentation for the Parker IT staff to install in that jurisdiction.

Broomfield's IT reputation brought the City of Lakewood here, too. Seeking ways to offer improved service and reduce cost, Lakewood heard from other Colorado municipalities about Broomfield's innovative use of unlicensed wireless data technologies to provide very low cost, high bandwidth service to computers in vehicles and smaller locations. In April,

the Lakewood IT director and several key staff members spent two hours visiting with Broomfield staff to understand how Broomfield's wireless network increases bandwidth and lowers costs as compared to the traditional carrier-based cellular data products that Lakewood currently uses.

As a result, Lakewood is developing plans to significantly expand its use of unlicensed wireless technologies to provide much better and lower cost service to field mobile users, including the police department.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

- In spite of cold spring weather, the April 30 Child Safety event went on as planned. A total of 30 car seats were checked and installed properly for children ranging in age from a week to five years. The Colorado State Patrol generously donated 20 car seats for the event, and 11 of them were used to replace old, out-dated seats.
- During the 2004-05 school year, HHS
 Reproductive Health Clinic staff members, Nurse
 Practitioner Linda Johnson and Patti McHardy,
 CNM, were guest speakers in Broomfield
 schools, assisting teachers with their reproductive
 health curricula. The pair provided factual and upto-date information to over a thousand students.
 Schools include Aspen Creek, Broomfield Heights
 Middle School, Broomfield High School and
 Legacy High School. Upon request, educational
 sessions are also provided for parent groups to
 update their knowledge about reproductive
 health.
- As part of National Women's Health Week, May 9 to 13, educational materials on women's health issues could be found in the front lobby of Health and Human Services.
- HHS hosted an appreciation dinner for foster, kinship and adopted families on May 12. The event, at the Miramonte Lodge, had over 70 people in attendance. Keynote speaker was Jedd Hafer, a former Broomfield resident and director of Children ARK, a children's residential facility in El Paso County.

HHS Families and Children staff currently work with 72 foster, kinship and adopted families. As of May 1, there were 11 foster care homes in

Broomfield. It is notable that 60 percent of adopted children are adopted out of foster care, many by their foster parents.

Debbie Oldenettel, families and children manager, acknowledged the work of Sherry Berthurm, foster care coordinator and Candice Smith, program coordinator, in orchestrating the dinner. She said there was a tremendous amount of positive feedback about them and the services provided in Broomfield by HHS. Oldenettel noted that this was Berthum's first event as an HHS employee, and she took it on the minute she walked in the door.

- Gary Hague, Environmental Health Specialist at HHS has been asked by the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) to speak at the annual education conference in Providence, Rhode Island. The conference is from June 26 to 29. NEHA is a national organization for environmental health professionals. Hague's presentation will be on the success of Broomfield's integrated service model and is titled *Integration: A New Approach* in Environmental Health.
- <u>Leading the way</u>: As part of National Foster
 Care Month, Sherry Bethurum, HHS foster care
 coordinator, participated in a kick-off rally at the
 state capitol, and Debbie Oldenettel, families and
 children manager, and Tammy Ross, program
 coordinator, participated in the 9News foster care
 hotline.

COMMUNICATIONS

Broomfield's Webmaster Joel Radtke has been working with the National Association of Government Webmasters (NAGW) in planning its 2005 conference. This year's conference, a continuation of the Government Webmasters Conference previously held in Kansas City, will be in Denver, September 22-23.

The 2005 conference offers an opportunity for Webmasters to network with peers from all over the nation, collect useful resources, and learn new skills. It is created by government Webmasters for government Webmasters.

FYI...

DEVELOPMENT – I-25 CORRIDOR

Promotional materials in recent issues of the *Denver Business Journal* and *Shopping Centers Today* are highlighting the Larkridge shopping center in Thornton at I-25 and Colorado 7, and Westminster's The Orchard Town Center at 144th Avenue and Huron Street.

Larkridge, developed by Jordon Perlmutter & Co. of Denver, is touted to have 2 million square feet of retail space to "help sustain the growth of rooftops in Thornton and the rest of metro Denver's burgeoning northeastern corridor."

Half of the first phase is projected to open this fall. Deemed an "open-air lifestyle center," it will feature Colorado's first Sears Grand store, a Home Depot, Circuit City, PetsMart, Dick's Sporting Goods, Bed Bath and Beyond, and Pier 1. Restaurants are also planned, including Village Inn, Gunther Toody's Diner, and Good Times Burgers and Frozen Custard.

Westminster issued a press release last week announcing the start of grading on The Orchard Town Center in June, paving the way for the center to break ground later in the month.

The first phase of The Orchard is projected to open in the fall of 2006. This development is a million square feet plus commercial, with 500 residential units also projected. It is designated a mixed use, regional



shopping center and residential project. Anchors are reported to be Foley's, JC Penney and AMC Theaters.









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Police 'managed alarm' policy works

Information on the first year of the "managed alarm policy" has been compiled. While it was somewhat controversial when Council approved the implementation, the bullet points following clearly indicate that the new policy has worked. The department has experienced an 11 percent decrease in burglaries.

- During the last quarter of 2003, the Police Department proposed to City Council a policy change regarding the response to intrusion alarms in the City. The proposal was titled "Managed Alarm Response" and was intended to reduce the number of false alarms responded to by the Police Department in an effort to use police resources more efficiently. After much discussion, including a significant level of protest from the alarm companies, Council approved the proposal and the plan was implemented May 1, 2004.
- From May 1, 2004 to May 1, 2005, the Police Department responded to 2,419 intrusion alarms.
 99.7 percentof these alarms were false.
- There were eight valid alarms during the time period, only 1 to a residence.
- All eight alarms received by the Police Department were responded to by patrol officers.
- During the time period, Patrol officers responded to only 54 percent of the false alarms, a significant reduction, allowing for a much more efficient use of police resources.
- During the time that the new policy was implemented, the actual number of burglaries decreased by 11 percent, and in 2005, the overall burglary rate has decreased 16 percent, so far.

IT Director returns to private sector

Broomfield IT Director Greg Anderson has announced that he is leaving Broomfield June 2 to return to the private sector as vice president and senior consultant for Farragut Systems, Inc. in Lafayette.

Anderson was instrumental in working with the state technology staff, providing outstanding technical expertise when Broomfield became a combined city and county and experienced unprecedented IT demands.

Anderson led the IT group, along with Deputy Director Kale Gilmore, to make huge technology strides in Broomfield in a very short period of time. Gilmore, a life-long Broomfield resident who returned to Broomfield's employ after leaving the private sector, will be appointed interim director.

HHS Reproductive Clinic offers men's services

The HHS Reproductive Health Clinic is now offering services to men. Examination and counseling will be limited to reproductive health issues. Family planning, contraception, counseling, educational handouts, testicular cancer screening, sexually transmitted infections and treatment will be provided. Clients will be referred to outside providers when appropriate. Fees will be \$65 plus medications. Clinic hours are Monday and Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 720-887-2220 for appointment.

Annual spring clean-up

Broomfield's "Spring Clean Up" event has been offered since 1999 free of charge to Broomfield residents only. While the final counts are not yet in, it appears that this year's event had the greatest volume of waste collected ever!

Three Saturdays, April 30, May 7 and 14, were well advertised for drop-offs at the Bay Aquatic Park and the Norman Smith Service Center. The collected waste included scrap lumber and metal, tires, appliances, furniture, carpet, hot water heaters, swing sets, lawn mowers, and many other items that our residents wanted to get rid of.

A total of 36 roll-off dumpsters were filled, an example of the amount of waste disposed of by residents.

All of the waste is taken to a local landfill that agreed to extend its hours to accommodate Broomfield's event. The May 14 event was especially well-attended, probably because of the nice weather, and because it was advertised as a last chance for those who were unable to participate in the earlier collection days.

Unfortunately, a number of people had to be turned away at the last minute so that the roll-offs could be taken to the landfill according to the arrangement that was made with the landfill. These people were notified while they were waiting in line that they may not make it to the drop-off area prior to the 3 p.m.

cut-off. Staff is working on procedures to avoid this situation for 2006.

Regional transportation information

Northwest Corridor EIS meetings

The Northwest Corridor Environmental Impact
Statement (EIS) project team has further analyzed and narrowed the range of potential transportation

improvement alternatives in the northwestern Denver metro area.

At the next round of public meetings attendees will see the current results of the screening and expected future activities and timelines. There will be a short presentation, public discussion and one-on-one meetings with members of the project team.

Public Workshops are scheduled:

 Thursday, May 26, Broomfield Community Center, 280 Lamar St., Broomfield Thursday, June 2, Faith Bible Chapel, 6250
 Wright St. (Ward & 62nd), Arvada

All meetings will be from 4 to 8 p.m. In Arvada, presentations will be at 5 and 6:30 p.m. and in Broomfield at 6 p.m. All presentations will be followed by public comment periods. For more information about the public meetings visit

(http://www.dot.state.co.us/northwestcorridoreis/news/ads/May2005_Ad_FINAL_Without_Crop_Marks.pdf).

For information about the history and current progress of the Northwest Corridor EIS, please visit our latest newsletter online at (http://www.dot.state.co.us/northwestcorridoreis/news/newsletter/May2005NWCnewsletter.pdf)

Visit the Web site at www.NWCorridorEIS.com or call the hotline at (303) 220-2545 with comments and/or questions about the project.

Auditing update

Assessor's Office undergoes state audit

The Broomfield Assessor's Office successfully underwent its annual audit for 2004. The audit was conducted by Rocky Mountain Valuation Specialists, a company contracted by the state Legislative Council.

Auditors found all classes of property in compliance with state guidelines.

In 1982 the Gallagher Amendment made sweeping changes to Colorado's property tax laws. One of those changes mandated an annual valuation for assessment study. This study, sometimes known as the one percent audit, is conducted annually in each county by an independent auditing company. At least one percent of the values in each class of

property are reviewed to determine if they were valued according to the procedures and formulas established by Colorado law. The auditor then submits a report on each county to the State Board of Equalization.

To see the 2004 Property Assessment Study, contact Vickie Krening at 303.464.5815.

The auditor was also here the week of May 4 to pull all new valuation information for 2005. This is the first step for this year's annual audit. The auditor will be provided a complete download of Broomfield's master files and sales information. The final results will be given to the State Board of Equalization in October.

Looking ahead

PUBLIC WORKS

Vulnerability study prompts public meeting for redundant facility in park at 136th and Kohl

The construction of a new, passive park was completed on the vacant property next to the water tanks at 136th Avenue and Kohl Street last fall. (A passive park is one that does not have such things as playgrounds, athletic fields or other defined activity areas.)

The park was constructed to maintain existing view corridors for adjacent neighbors. Evergreen trees to screen both the old and new tanks were planted. Landscaping includes a trail and shaded seating areas. The park was planted with drought-tolerant sod. Flower and shrub beds were planted, and landscaping was installed along both sides of the street abutting the site.

Council may recall that one section of the park was not completed in order to provide a location for a potential water booster station.

As a result of the terrorist attacks September 11, 2001, security issues were heightened nation wide, especially regarding municipal water systems. All water providers were required to perform a Vulnerability Study of their utility systems. Broomfield's study was completed last summer.

The assessment indicated the need for a second, redundant, pump station capable of pumping water to the west side of Broomfield. The original station is located in Outlook Park. For security reasons, the second station needs to be at a location separate from the original station.

Broomfield conducted a study to determine the best site for a second station. The criteria included land procurement, hydraulics, piping connections, cost analysis, power availability, reliability, vulnerability, security and public acceptance.

The study concluded that a site next to the water tanks was the most favorable. Since staff did not want to delay the entire park improvement project due to the need for a new pump station, a section of

the property immediately west of the tanks was reserved as a potential site for the proposed station.

A public meeting will be held prior to the design phase of the project. The meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2005 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Bal Swan conference room at the Broomfield City and County Building.

Notices of the meeting will be sent to all residents within 500 feet of the project, to the Gate 'n' Green and Outlook homeowner associations and to the Mayor and Councilmembers representing Ward 3.

IT - ASSESSOR PARTNERSHIP

2005 is a re-appraisal year, and the Assessor's Office anticipates a huge volume of citizen inquiries as to why their property values changed and what information the Assessor relied upon in making that determination. Working in conjunction with the assessor, IT developed a powerful new Web application to allow homeowners to retrieve information themselves.

This Web application allows visitors to retrieve a list of comparable sales by subdivision, including relevant property data such as square footage, bedrooms, bathrooms, year built, and a photograph of each property. As a Web application, customers do as much research as they desire whenever they want.

The hoped-for result is substantially reduced telephone and walk-in inquiries requiring Assessor staff time. This is a great example of using technology to provide simultaneously better customer service and improved efficiency.

The site can be found at http://www.ci.broomfield.co.us/centralrecords/assess or.shtml. Follow the link to 2005 Comparable Sales with Photos

MORE TIDBITS:

Torch Run: On Thursday, June 2, 2005, between 7 and 8:30 a.m., members of the Broomfield Police Department will be running their leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

The route will follow the eastbound lanes of Colorado Highway 128 from Ridge Parkway to

Colorado Highway 121 (Wadsworth Parkway) and along the southbound lanes of Wadsworth Parkway to W. 108th Avenue. Motorists should expect some minor traffic delays along this route during the run.

In Colorado, law enforcement personnel from Federal, Military, State, County, and Local agencies participate in the Torch Run campaign.

Funds are raised through a variety of activities and fund raisers, with the highlight being the 1,500-mile statewide Torch Run culminating at the Special Olympics Colorado Summer Games, this year June 3 to 5 in Greeley. The Torch Run benefits more than 7,800 Special Olympic athletes in Colorado, providing year-round sports training, competition, and consistency in the lives of the athletes.

Since its inception in 1981, the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics has raised over \$80 million dollars worldwide. It is the largest

- grass roots fundraising program and public awareness vehicle for Special Olympics.
- June is <u>National Dairy Month</u> and in celebration, Health and Human Services Health Promotions will be partnering with the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Children's Library to educate children about the importance dairy foods play in our bodies. Milk mustaches will be provided to all children who attend story time.
- Broomfield will be conducting a <u>prairie dog</u> <u>relocation/removal project</u> on the Broomfield County Commons Open Space area beginning in June.

Approximately 50 prairie dogs will be removed from the County Commons and will be relocated to Broomfield's Great Western Reservoir Open Space site, located east of Indiana Street and about a half-mile south of Colorado 128. Any remaining prairie dogs in the southeast corner of the open space will be removed and donated to a wildlife recovery program, or will be exterminated as a last resort.

The relocation/removal project is being advertised in the Broomfield Enterprise. The project is expected to last into the fall of 2005. If you get constituent questions, please direct them to Peter Dunlaevy at 303-438-6216.

Capital improvement projects

Sheridan Boulevard Update

What's happening?

Since the last edition of this report, old, existing sanitary sewer lines to homes along the future frontage road were damaged during construction. Five houses had sewer backups as a result. Broomfield utilities personnel worked with the contractor to rectify the situation to the homeowners' satisfaction.

A water line has been installed in the future frontage road between East 13 Avenue and West 136 Avenue. Sanitary sewer work has also begun in the frontage road at East 13. The storm sewer work in the intersection of East 13 has been completed and the intersection re-opened to traffic on May 17.

A re-use water line that extends from Sheridan west through the East 13 intersection was added to the project so that re-use water can be extended to Northmoor Park in the future without re-disturbing Sheridan Boulevard.

The contractor is currently extending storm sewer laterals and irrigation pipe laterals at 136th Avenue, and beginning curb and gutter construction in the

southbound lanes between East 9th Avenue and East 13th Avenue.

<u>Completion date:</u> The completion of this project has not slipped and is still expected in spring of 2006.

Revenues

SALES TAX REVENUES

Through March, year-to-date sales tax collected totaled \$8,836,621, an 8.3 percent increase over 2004 collections for the same period. The 2005 budget projected a 6.3 percent increase in sales tax revenues over 2004 actual receipts.

| | March | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| | Month | | | YTD | | |
| | 2004 | 2005 | % Chg | 2004 | 2005 | % Chg |
| Overall | 3,064,327 | 3,333,461 | 8.8% | 8,160,680 | 8,836,621 | 8.3% |
| Flatiron Crossing mall | 1,117,002 | 1,109,939 | -0.6% | 2,892,242 | 2,959,116 | 2.3% |
| Flatiron Marketplace | 320,369 | 316,903 | -1.1% | 781,188 | 859,487 | 10.0% |
| Mainstreet at Flatiron | 112,514 | 286,268 | 154.4% | 321,228 | 793,305 | 147.0% |
| Total Flatiron Retail | 1,549,885 | 1,713,110 | 10.5% | 3,994,658 | 4,611,908 | 15.5% |

The Flatirons area reported a 15.5 percent total increase during this period. Flatiron Crossing mall increased 2.3 percent, Flatiron Marketplace 10 percent and Mainstreet increased 147 percent with the addition of the Super Wal-Mart.

Sales tax receipts from the Broomfield Marketplace (King Soopers/ Miramonte Center) is down 12.2 percent (\$30,000) for the first quarter. The shopping area continues to experience high vacancy.

At the Audi . . .

Tidbits...

 The Cultural Council receives \$142,566 in SCFD funding this year (.01 percent increase over 2004)

to disperse in 2005 to 18 Tier III grant applicants, including the Cultural Affairs Division and library, for arts and science programs, as well as operational support for the Audi.

45 Coyote Ridge students visited the Audi during a tour of city buildings recently. Students got a peak at the entire theater (front of house and backstage) and each had their "15 seconds of fame" by introducing themselves from a microphone onstage. The May 3 performance of the University of Manila Santo Tomas Singers was sold out at the Broomfield Auditorium, a first for a Tuesday night concert and cultural diversity event.



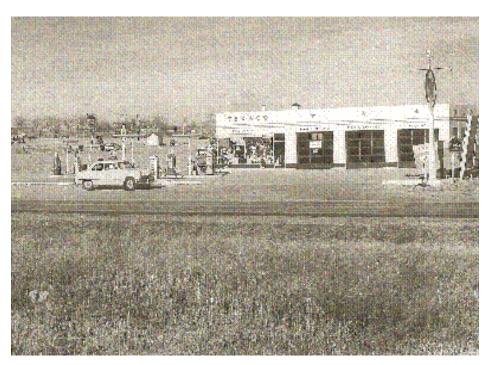
Members of all ages from the Filipino Community of Colorado (FACC), as well as citizens, committee representatives and staff of the City and County of Broomfield, attended this exclusive Colorado appearance by the award-winning touring ensemble named "Asia's most outstanding choir" in 2003. Musical selections from classical to popular composers were performed in English and other languages, complete with colorful Filipino costumes and dancing accompanied by the Sauter piano and other instruments.

The performance was sponsored by the City and

County of Broomfield Cultural Council, the Health and Human Services Advisory Committee and the Cultural Affairs Division to help the FACC further its mission of sharing Filipino heritage and culture throughout the state. Sales of tickets from the concert will be applied to the FACC's student scholarship program.

 To get more details on the activities at the Audi, visit http://www.ci.broomfield.co. us/cultural/eventsindex.shtm

From the past



Memory Lane ...

This Texaco station sat on 120th Avenue at Nickel Street. When Sill-TerHar Motors decided to upgrade the dealership building just to the east, this property was purchased and is now the parking area for Sill-TerHar. In the background, excavation work is being done for the Retail Center – later removed under the city's Urban Renewal project that brought Target to town.

