



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

Schools participate with city in Arbor Day celebrations

Broomfield's Forestry Services celebrated Arbor Day in late April with seven Broomfield schools and a local Cub Scout troop.

Broomfield Heights Middle School, Birch Elementary School, Emerald Elementary School, Bal Swan Children Center, Westlake Middle School, Legacy High School, Cub Scout Troop 551, Den 4 and Mountain View Elementary School participated. This was the 27th year the Broomfield's Parks Division has celebrated Arbor Day with the local schools.

At Emerald Elementary School, Broomfield received its 20th Tree City USA award at an Arbor Day ceremony. Emerald was chosen for the award presentation because it was the first Broomfield school to participate in Arbor Day ceremonies.

The Tree City USA award is given annually by the Arbor Day Foundation to cities across the U.S.



that have an Arbor Day celebration and proclamation, fund the care and maintenance of trees in the city at a rate of \$2 per capita, have a tree care ordinance, and have a forestry division.

At the ceremony, Tom Wells, city forester, received the award for Broomfield from Keith Wood of the Colorado State Forest Service.

FYI

2008 Annual Water Quality Report to go out in June

In June, Broomfield's water customers will receive a brochure containing information summarizing the quality of Broomfield's drinking water during the 2008 calendar year. This report fulfills a regulatory requirement established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1998.

The regulation requires community water systems to distribute an annual "Consumer Confidence

Report" containing specific information about drinking water contaminants, possible contaminant sources, water sources, type of treatment, and health risks.

Broomfield gets its water from two suppliers, Denver and the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District. Denver water comes already treated, and water from Northern goes through

Broomfield's water treatment process. Broomfield's 2008 report summarizes the monitoring results for drinking water and includes water quality information for both Broomfield and Denver treated water.

As required by the regulation, the report lists the highest contaminant levels detected in the drinking water that customers could have received during the previous calendar year. If a contaminant level reported for Denver Water was equal to or greater than Broomfield's level, then Denver's data are listed in the table. This data is identified by footnotes in the report.

The monitoring results contained in the report confirm the high quality of Broomfield's drinking water. Last year, as in years past, Broomfield drinking water met or surpassed all of the applicable standards for the protection of public health, as well as the recommended levels for aesthetic qualities.

Broomfield distributes its Water Quality Report to all billed customers as a bill-stuffer in the June water bills. In order to reach non-billed consumers, Public Works personnel deliver reports to apartment complexes and mobile home parks, and place copies in public locations such as the Library and Municipal Building. The report is also posted on the Broomfield Web site, along with additional information that may be of interest to the community.

New law requires CO detectors

On March 24, 2009, Governor Ritter signed House Bill 09-1091, requiring carbon monoxide alarms to be installed in all new dwelling units and in existing multi-family and single-family dwelling units that include fuel fired appliances or an attached garage whenever they are altered, rented to a different tenant, or sold. This bill will be effective for tenant changes or permits issued after July 1, 2009.

Broomfield's currently adopted building code also requires smoke alarms to be installed in the home whenever interior alterations are made that require a building permit. For permits issued after July 1, 2009, inspections for all interior alterations and additions will include verification of correct installation of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms in buildings that include fuel fired appliances or an attached garage. Approved combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarms may be used.

Interior alterations include replacement of furnaces, water heaters, and installation of air conditioning.

The carbon monoxide alarms must produce a distinct, audible alarm, and may be combined with a smoke detecting device if the combined device produces an alarm that clearly differentiates between the two hazards. The alarm must be listed by an approved, nationally recognized, independent product-safety testing and certification laboratory.

Carbon monoxide alarms must have power in the case of an outage. They can be:

- fully battery powered,
- plug-connected into a dwelling's unswitched electrical outlet and include a battery backup,
- wired into a dwelling's electrical system and include a battery back-up, or
- connected to an electrical system via an electrical panel.

Carbon monoxide alarms are required to be installed within 15 feet of the entry to each sleeping room.

The installation of carbon monoxide alarms must comply with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

June is Internet Safety Month

National Internet Safety Month promotes the opportunity to learn more about the dangers of the Internet and the importance of being safe and responsible online.

The Investigations Unit of the Broomfield Police Department, as part of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force, recommends that parents take time to learn about internet safety and to talk to their children about this important topic.

Statistics from Senate Resolution 205 declaring Internet Safety Month show:

- Over 41% of students in grades 5 through 12 do not share with their parents what they do on the Internet.
- 23% of middle school and high school students have met face-to-face with someone they first met online.
- 47% of parents feel that their ability to monitor and shelter their children from inappropriate material on the Internet is limited.

- 61% of parents want to be more personally involved with Internet safety.

There are a variety of online resources available to parents to assist in dialogue with children:

- www.isafe.org offers interactive kid friendly activities and online seminars
- www.netsmartz.org, www.ncmec.org and www.coloradoicac.com.

The more parents know about how the web works, the better prepared they will be to teach children about potential risks.

To schedule a presentation contact the Public Education Coordinator, Joleen Reefer at 720.887.2084.

New 4-H Club Formed

Since last fall a small group of home-schooled youth from the Broomfield community have been meeting with the intent to charter a 4-H club. In April, their goal was realized when 22 members named their club, finalized their constitution and by-laws, elected officers and set goals for the remainder of the year. Members will be working on projects throughout the summer and will participate in a county Exhibit Day at the end of July to display their project work.

Emergency repair program serves local households

Almost \$6,800 has been allocated to eight Broomfield households from the city's Emergency Repair Program funded by money awarded to the city in July of last year.

Of the eight, three households were served by local contractors who chose to provide their services free of charge. Five of the households used program funds. Of these five, the average was \$1,358 per household.

Completed projects include repair of broken water pipes, a window replacement, repair of a leaky roof, installation of a back door to a mobile home, and service to a faulty electrical system.

In July of 2008, the City and County of Broomfield was awarded a \$7,500 grant from Wells Fargo Housing Foundation in response to an application submitted by the Broomfield Housing Authority.

These funds are used to correct problems that pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of a household. To qualify, applicants must be owner-occupants and must earn below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) which, for example, amounts to \$48,650 for a two-person household. Grants may not exceed \$2,500 per household. The program is administered by the Housing Authority. Other facts surrounding the funds spent this year include:

- All program recipients' income is below 60% AMI.
- The average household size is 2.75.
- The number of homeowners of mobile homes served is 6.
- The number of homeowners of single-family homes served is 2.

This program has been very beneficial to the community. Often, an unexpected household emergency requires lower-income households to choose between repairing their home or paying their mortgage. Many do not have the excess funds to set aside for emergency savings. By choosing to pay one over the other, they and their family either risk living in an unsafe condition or risk mortgage default, and possibly foreclosure. These emergency funds lessen the burden of that decision.

HHS receives continued funding from LiveWell Colorado for healthy lifestyles

Broomfield Health and Human Services has received continued funding from LiveWell Colorado in the amount of \$153,000 to support local programs and activities to prevent obesity and educate and encourage residents of Broomfield to live healthy lives.

The grant was awarded by LiveWell Colorado, a non-profit organization committed to reducing obesity by inspiring healthy eating and active living.

LiveWell Colorado recently awarded \$4 million to communities to help prevent the state's obesity trends and reduce related chronic diseases. Broomfield is one of 25 communities to receive funding under the initiative in 2009. Grant recipients promote healthy eating and active living by implementing policies, programs and infrastructure changes in school, worksite,

healthcare and community settings.

Through the HHS grant, LiveWell Broomfield will use the funds to implement a community strategy to raise awareness about healthy eating and active living. LiveWell Broomfield will work with early childhood education centers and worksites to promote standards and guidelines in support of healthy eating and active living. It will also be working with Broomfield schools to conduct wellness audits in support of furthering the

by promoting city wide Walk to School Day and Bike to School Week and supporting after school activity programs that include "Running with the Teachers", "Marathon Club" and "Dancing with the Teachers" at Emerald Elementary School. These and other new activities will be guided by the Healthy Broomfield Community Coalition with support from partnering organizations in the community to promote program messages and activities to a broad range of community members.

LiveWell Colorado is funded by The Colorado

school's ability to support physical activity and nutrition standards.

A LiveWell Colorado grant recipient since 2005, Broomfield HHS, through LiveWell Broomfield, has been reaching Broomfield's older adult population by integrating nutrition and exercise classes at Broomfield Greens, Maryel Manor and Silvercrest.

LiveWell Broomfield is continuing to increase community awareness of the importance of regular physical activity for children Health Foundation, Kaiser Permanente and the Kresge Foundation, with support from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The organization leverages and coordinates statewide and community-based efforts to encourage healthy lifestyles, with the ultimate goal of reaching every Colorado community.

For more information about this initiative, visit www.livewellcolorado.org.

Looking ahead

Broomstock May 28

The tenth annual Broomstock music event to celebrate the end of the school year is moving this year to Broomfield County Commons Park on Thursday, May 28. New times are from 1 to 9 p.m.

This event features live music, food, and activities like a graffiti wall.

Broomstock is a hybrid of Broomfield and Woodstock and was the brainchild of area students as a fun and safe way to celebrate the last day of school.

Local bands this year include My Body Sings Electric, The Summerdrive and Ambient You. Musical genres include alternative, pop, hip hop, rock and hardcore.

Broomstock is funded in part by grants from the Broomfield Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council and Broomfield County Tier III SCFD funds. It is sponsored by the city, the Broomfield Council on the Arts and Humanities and Broomfield Crossings Rotary.

Broomfield, BEDC to host Chamber After Hours June 11

The Broomfield Workforce Center will be the focus of the Broomfield Chamber of Commerce's monthly After Hours event on Thursday, June 11 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The event is co-hosted by the Broomfield Economic Development Corporation and the City and County of Broomfield. It will be held at the City and County Building, 1 DesCombes Drive, in the lobby.

Trail Adventure June 6

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.

Registration for the event will start at 7:30 a.m., and the event will begin at 8 a.m. There is no

charge. Anyone interested in volunteering for the event is asked to call 303.438.6216. For more information, visit www.broomfieldopenspace.com.

Colorado Master Gardeners

With spring finally in full swing, Broomfield Master Gardeners are again available and ready to answer gardening questions. Residents can call to speak with a Master Gardener or drop by the office on Mondays or Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents may also leave a message on the helpline at 303.464.5554 to be answered during the next Master Gardener shift.

In addition, Master Gardeners are available at the Broomfield Home Depot on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through August.

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.

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

Capital projects ...

Detention Center Expansion

The project will add approximately 138 new beds. It includes approximately 30,000 square feet of new building area and 10,000 square feet of remodel to the existing facility.



Photo simulation of detention housing addition – looking

Haselden Construction is the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) on the project. Design documents were completed in April. The contractor will be establishing a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP), and is expected to be presented to City Council for consideration in June 2009.

Police Department/Combined Courts Sally Port Improvements

Funding for this project was included with the Council approved funding for the Police Detention and Police Training Facility last June.



The Sally Port improvements added 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 created 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. The Police Department has been using the new Sally Port since mid-April. The specialty

security doors will be installed and operational in late May. The Sally Port will receive final painting and be completed by the end of this month.

North Midway Park Stairway Improvement

The 2008 budget included funding of improvements to the area directly to the west of the Girl Scout Shelter, which was too steep to mow or landscape. A new stairway was proposed with terraced landscaping beds to provide direct access from the Garden Center to the shelter. The drainage problem in the area has also been corrected.



The project is complete. Landscaping and irrigation have been installed. The contractor is expected to complete the punch-list by the end of May.

2009 Waterline Replacements and Re-use Waterline Installations

The contractor has started work on the reuse segments of the project.

Waterline Replacements:

The contractor started work on West Midway Boulevard in early May and is expected to be completed in early June.

Reuse Waterline Installation:

Two tie-ins to the Northern Line and a tie-in to the reuse line were needed as part of the Sienna and Broomfield Reservoir work. The tie-ins to the Northern lines were completed.

The contractor and staff have been reviewing the materials (vaults, meters, etc.) for the connection into Sienna Reservoir and the items have been ordered. Delivery is expected in late May and installation will then be scheduled. Installation and restoration of the area is expected to be completed by the end of May.

Tennis Court Replacement, Brandywine North

Renner Sports, contractor for this project, has completed 99% of the work to date. The final court play surface was installed in late April and the court is open for public use. Final landscaping and installation of benches and trash cans are under way and should be complete by the end of the month.

Departmental updates ...

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

Children and Families - On Saturday, May 2, HHS staff, Broomfield Police, the North Metro Fire Rescue District and Safe Kids conducted a Road to Safety Event for car seat safety inspections at the Broomfield Home Depot in the Broomfield Town Center.

An educational booth was staffed by HHS Safe Kids and Broomfield Police. Safe Kids taught families the importance of helmet protection through interactive demonstrations. The Broomfield Police Department offered information

about internet safety as well as education on fingerprinting.

Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians offered free car seat inspections to any motorist transporting children. During the checkpoint, some car seats were replaced with new seats due to expired or inappropriate seat for the child.



Motorists donated \$84. Overall, 78 car seats were checked for compliance.

On average, the technicians found three errors. The most frequent was improper installation followed by harnessing errors. Every child passenger that came through the checkpoint rode away safer than when they first arrived.

The Colorado Child Passenger Safety team commented that the event was the best event they have seen at a Home Depot and this should be a model for future events. They were also very impressed with the volume of cars and hands-on experience the technicians received.

CSU Extension – With the cooperation of several members of the City's planning department, the Broomfield 4-H Archery program has recently secured a location at the corner of 144th and Lowell to start holding 4-H Archery practices. Several children and youth from Broomfield have been practicing archery over the last several weeks, and the new location will allow them to better prepare for the county and state level competitions. The location has much more space and will allow the members to experience a shooting range much like what they will see at the state level.

4-H and School's Out – A perfect pair! Once again, the Colorado State University Extension 4-H Youth Development program has teamed up with Broomfield Recreation Services to provide enrichment activities for children. Since last October, these activities have been presented during the recreation center's School's Out days. In the past eight months, the activities have been shared with nearly 100 children through this partnership.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency Management Division – The North Central All-Hazards Emergency Management Region of Colorado has provided Broomfield with 100 cots and 200 blankets. These supplies, obtained through a Homeland Security Grant, have been placed in each county within the region as supplements to local caches. This asset will assist with emergency shelter operations. The Emergency Management Unit in collaboration with North Metro Fire Rescue has placed these items at the district's new Training Center, 1006 Weld County Road 11.

Emergency Management and the School Resource Unit staff will attend the School Safety

and Violence Prevention Conference on June 1 and 2. This conference is a product of the \$8 million Adams County Safe Schools/Healthy Student Initiative Grant administered by the Adams County District Attorney. Broomfield's contingent is providing training and facilitating exercises for school administrators and school resource officers.

Emergency Management has sent a Continuity of Operations Plan to all Department Heads for approval and signatures. The plan prioritizes citywide mission-essential functions and provides guidance to departments on building departmental continuity plans. This plan will come before City Council for approval in the coming months.

On May 19, 2009 the Emergency Management Unit brought together representatives from the Broomfield Police Department and North Metro Fire Rescue for a workshop to discuss inter-agency policy coordination. The Emergency Management Unit worked diligently to develop this scenario-based workshop and then facilitated the discussions surrounding current directives and standard operating procedures that help guide the planning and response to an active shooter in a school or business setting. Although participants represented police and fire, a number of observers from neighboring cities and counties were in attendance as well.

Community Education – Officers from the Police Department will be joining North Metro Fire Rescue to provide Bike Safety information and hands-on activities during a Bike Rodeo at Aspen Creek K-8 on June 6. This event is part of the National Trails Day celebration and is hosted by Safe Kids USA and the Children's Hospital. The day's events begin at 7:30 a.m. with registration and will conclude at 2 p.m.

RECREATION SERVICES

The annual Easter Eggstravaganza in April was graced with good weather, so the event was outdoors at the John Shaw ball field at Community Park. The approximately 2000 people in attendance first marched with the Easter Bunny; then participated in the egg scramble. Over 500 balloons given were given out at this event for children under 8.

Active Adults – Broomfield seniors stayed active in April, with 277 participations in the Healthy Hearts Walking program at the Paul Derda Recreation Center. Participants meet each

Tuesday and Thursday; have a warm-up session, then walk the track.

Climbing Wall – In April, there were 578 drop-in wall climbers. This number is over and above any class participations numbers. The climbing wall and related classes continue to gain in popularity.

Early Learning – There were 142 kids ages 2-8 years who met the Easter Bunny at the preschool Easter program on Saturday, April 11. Activities included inflatables, face painting and treats. The event was at the Paul Derda Recreation Center.

Registrations for Fall 2009 Early Learning sessions in April brought a good turnout. Staff anticipates that the program will fill by fall.

Fitness –

- The 2009 Spring Fitness Challenge ended in April. There were 120 participants who completed all eight weeks of the Challenge. The highest weight loss winner this year lost 9.64% total body weight during this eight-week course.

- The American on the Move Fitness Challenge is back this year. Weigh-ins are held twice a week and a free Family Fun Fitness class on Sunday afternoons is for anyone in the challenge. A nutrition workshop was presented May 14. There are 205 people registered in the challenge.
- Recreation Services offers 87 fitness classes at the Derda Center and 22 at the Community Center each week. During April, these classes drew 6,294 participations.

Gymnastics – The Gymnastics Studio hosted the Broomfield Invitational Gymnastics Meet at the Paul Derda Recreation Center on Saturday, April 25. This meet included three separate divisions with eight teams in each.

Youth and Teens – Recreation Services is making an increased effort to provide healthy living opportunities to youth in Broomfield with youth fitness programming five days a week after school. Also offered are three additional yoga classes for youth and teens.

Kudos ...

Campbell recognized by peers

Holli Campbell, director of the Broomfield County CSU Extension Office, was recently selected to receive the Achievement in Service Award by her fellow 4-H Agents across Colorado.

This award recognizes newer agents with three to seven years of service for their accomplishments in Professional Attitude, Improvement and Accomplishments, Personal and Community Involvement and Special Honors.

Campbell will be recognized at the national meeting of 4-H Agents this fall in Rochester, New York.

At the Audi ...

In the gallery

Broomstock Student Art Show continues to June 4. See the talented art of Broomfield area teens before the annual Broomstock event. Fridays from 2 to 5 p.m. and during Broomfield Auditorium events.

Rocky Mountain Society of Botanical Artists runs from June 4 to August 7.

Auditorium Events:

June 5, 10 a.m. – Fabulous Fridays for children ages 3 to 6.

June 5, 7 p.m. – Lisa Walecki's Broadway Review.

June 11, 7 to 9 p.m. Family Movie Night. Free. G-rated movie for the whole family.

June 13, 2 p.m. Enlightenment Journey Encore featuring Paul Jones: "Tap Into Your Inner Compass."

June 14, 1 p.m. Boulder Ballet is Dancing in the Park at the Amphitheater.

June 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Summer Youth Players auditions.

June 19, 7 p.m. Celebrate National Accordion Month with John Heins. Free

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June 20, 7 p.m. Fort Bend Boys Choir concert, \$8 and family 4-pack \$20.

June 24, 2 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays! Arts, cultural and science programs for ages 6 and over. Free.

June 24, 6 p.m. Academy of Rock opens for the first Summer Concert Series at the Amphitheater. Free.

June 24, 7 to 9 p.m. Summer Concert Series features PlutoniK at the Amphitheater. Free.

June 26, 10:30 a.m. Fabulous Fridays arts and cultural programs for ages 3 to 6.

July 1, 7 p.m. Summer Concert Series features Groovin' On and the best of 50s, 60s, 70s oldies, rock n roll, R&B and country at the Amphitheater.

Auditorium ticket sales

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

