

## City and County of Broomfield, Colorado

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

To:

Mayor and City Council George Di Ciero, City and County Manager From: Prepared by: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

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## City & County Manager's Report

June 22, 2010

TO: Mayor Patrick Quinn and the Broomfield City Council

FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager



# Flag Day ceremony properly retires worn, torn, faded flags

The Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum and North Metro Fire Rescue District partnered to properly dispose of 515 flags and a fragment of a field of blue in ceremonies on Flag Day, June 14, at Fire Station 61 on Midway Blvd. The flags were incinerated.

Residents brought worn, torn and faded lags to be retired to the Veterans Museum at 12 Garden Center or to Fire Station 61 in the weeks before the ceremony. Volunteers and Boy Scouts from Troop 511 prepared the flags for disposal.

About 50 people attended the sixth annual ceremony. Members of Broomfield Police and North Metro honor guards also participated.

### **FYI**

## Rec staff previews Mini Haha

Broomfield Recreation Services staff previewed the annual Mini Haha Triathlon with one of their own on Friday, June 4. This team-building event implemented the same course as that used for the public's Mini Haha competition on Sunday, June 13

Staff competed on teams and individually. The event provided the opportunity for some to participate in a competition for the first time, and



gave those who always work the real event a chance to have their own opportunity to participate as a competitor.

The race included three legs - swimming, bicycling and running.

#### Trail Adventure attracts 400

Broomfield's ninth annual Trail Adventure on Saturday, June 5, launched from the Anthem Highlands Parkside Community Center and attracted about 400 people.

Under sunny skies, participants took to the trails through the surrounding neighborhoods, parks, and open space in the Anthem area. Again this year the event combined with the Children's Wellness Day which provided displays and educational programs promoting healthy children and families.

Each year the Broomfield Trail Adventure showcases a different area of the Broomfield Trail system in conjunction with National Trails Day, an event celebrated across the country. Trails Day promotes the use of the local trail system, raises awareness of trail opportunities in the community and the connections to regional trails beyond the community.



Participants chose to walk trail loops of 1 or 2.5 miles, or to bike a 6 mile loop before returning to the Parkside Community Center area for festivities of both events.

There were informational and educational tables, free t-shirts, bike repairs, live music, and refreshments. Some of the tables included CSU-Extension, the Broomfield Nature Program,

Colorado Division of Wildlife, and city departments including Health and Human Services, Recreation, and Open Space and Trails.

The Children's Wellness Event included, a bike rodeo for kids of all ages, family programs with hands-on cooking and food sampling, a safety puppet show for kids, a demonstration on how to improve family, dance lessons, and live music provided by The Circle of Willis band, a group of firefighters from North Metro Fire Rescue.

Next year will mark the tenth Broomfield Trail Adventure on June 4, 2011.

#### Cookbooks on sale

"Tried And True Recipes," a cookbook assembled by Senior Resources of Broomfield, is on sale at the Senior Center. Proceeds benefit the Meals on Wheels program, emergency needs for seniors, community events and the Senior Newsletter.

The 300 recipes include many ethnic and regional favorites shared by generations. The recipes and anecdotal notes take readers and cooks to many countries and regions without having to pack a suitcase. Stop by the Senior Center and pick up a copy--only \$10.

#### Librarians co-author article

Young Adult Librarians Gigi Yang and Erica Segraves have co-authored an article published in the June 2010 issue of *Voya: Voice of Youth Advocates* journal. The article, titled "Book Bundles: Reader's Advisory in a Package," describes an innovative approach for recommending books to teens.

A book bundle is a group of three books that share a common theme. They help teens find book read-a-likes by allowing them to pick and handle recommended titles rather than work from a paper list. They also pair older with newer titles, extending the life of the young adult book collection, and help relieve limited shelving space by moving books out of the stacks and into the display area.

# Recreation coordinators plan, facilitate CPRA offerings

Recreation coordinators from Broomfield recently participated in planning educational offerings of

the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA).

Kim Evelsizer, of the city's Early Learning Preschool Program, helped with the first annual *Parade of Preschools* event on Saturday, May 1. This tour took pre-school and child sitting staff from six area Recreation Centers on a trip to visit each other's facilities. The fast-paced tour offered participants the opportunity to observe programs from a broad spectrum of curriculum styles and philosophies.

Dawn Stipe, of Broomfield's Youth and Teen Programs, participated in the annual *CPRA Play* spring conference, Saturday, May 15. This conference offered workshops covering interaction with teens and youth, creative play and art, communication through signing, getting kids to

listen, and the value of incorporating the dramatic arts and literacy skills into day camp programs.

Participants in both conferences obtained training hours that fulfill CPRA's yearly certification requirements.

Melissa Kennington, facility coordinator at Broomfield's climbing wall, attended the fourth annual conference of the Climbing Wall Association (CWA) in Boulder. CWA is the only climbing organization in Colorado that deals with indoor climbing wall management. Kennington attended the conference on a scholarship from CWA. There were approximately 200 people at the conference. Workshops provided valuable information about climbing gear, wall operations, staff training and legal aspects of operating a climbing wall.

## Looking ahead

## Great American Picnic July 4—don't miss it!

Broomfield's annual Great American Picnic on Sunday, July 4, will celebrate Independence Day with something for everyone. The event begins at 5 p.m. with children's activities including a free petting zoo, \$3 pony rides, inflatables for \$5 and concessions.

At 5:30 the fourth annual Bicycle Parade will assemble at the Championship Field to showcase those bicycles, tricycles, wagons and scooters decorated especially for the day. This parade starts at 5:45 p.m. and is for all ages.

At 5:30 p.m. the 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue All Stars will present a free concert on the Entertainment Stage.

At 6 p.m., the Broomfield City Council will give away star pops at the City Council tent. First



come, first served! At 7 p.m. Funkiphino will perform in concert, followed at dusk by the city's fireworks display.

All activities will take place in Broomfield County Commons Park, 13th and Sheridan.

#### Mark the calendar –

**June 30:** West Nile Virus/Integrated Pest Management Seminar, 7 p.m. in Community Park near the Amphitheater. Free mosquito-eating fish will be given away on a first come, first served basis to those with water features in their yards.

**June 30:** Preschool Morning Nature Walk, 9 to 10 a.m. Meet at the Anthem Trailhead. Learn about animal life and plant life, and explore the area to learn about nature while having fun. Free.

#### Summer Sundays at Brunner House

Summer Sundays at the Brunner House bring the 100-year-old farmhouse at 640 Main St. alive with entertainment.

July 11 is a carnival from 4 to 6 p.m. with games, prizes and food followed by a concert of bluegrass music from 6 to 8 p.m. by Martin Gilmore and the Long Road Home band.

On August 8, a carnival from 4 to 6 p.m. with games, prizes, food and art for the kids is followed by the Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra from 6 to 8 p.m.. There is something for everyone with this 18-piece band's repertoire of music from the 40s through the 90s to wrap up this year's Summer Sundays at the Brunner House.

#### Fireworks tournament returns

The Girls Softball Fireworks Tournament returns to Broomfield for the 22<sup>nd</sup> year June 30 to July 4. There are 67 teams in the under 14 category and 15 teams in the under 12 category. Among these teams, 19 are from the continental U.S. Teams also hail from Australia, Hawaii and Canada.

Practice games and the coaches meeting are scheduled on June 29. Pool play is June 30 and July 1. Double elimination bracket games are on July 2, 3 and 4. Fields throughout Broomfield will be in use during the tournament.

## Back to school immunization clinic set at Emerald Elementary Aug. 13

Broomfield Health and Human Services will conduct a free immunization clinic for children and adolescents ages 18 years and younger at Emerald Elementary on Friday, Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A parent must be present to consent to the immunizations and registration is required. Parents should bring their children's immunization records, and nurses will be available to check records and administer vaccine as needed.

Call 720.887.2220 to register or for more information.

New immunization requirements for school include:

- Tdap for students entering sixth grade and above who have not received the immunization.
- A second dose of Varicella is required for students entering Kindergarten and for students entering first and second grade who have not received the second dose.

### Bike to Work Day breakfast

Bike to Work Day is Wednesday, June 23, and the Healthy Broomfield Community Coalition and LiveWell Broomfield will host a breakfast for community members and Broomfield employees in recognition of the day. The breakfast station will be located near the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library, 3 Community Park Road, from 6:30 to 8 a.m. Fruit, bagels, granola bars and juice will be served.

Bike to Work Day is the Denver region's largest annual cycling event, with nearly 30,000

employees leaving their cars at home and choosing to take a healthier and cleaner commute option to work. Anyone who walks, bikes, rollerblades or carpools, is invited to join the Healthy Broomfield Community Coalition for breakfast on the way into work.

#### At the Library:

## Summer Reading continues

The Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library's Summer Reading programs began June 1 and continue through the summer. After the first week of the program, 1,007 children and 633 teens have signed up. Library staff anticipates over 4,000 registrations by the mid-July deadline.

Theme for the adult program is "Water your mind. Read!" and for the teen program it's "Make waves." The children's program theme is "Make a splash."

The Children's Summer Reading Program is open to babies, preschoolers and kids entering kindergarten through fifth grade. Register in the Children's Library.

Teens in grades 6 to 12 are asked to complete a reading log. To reach each level, they must read six hours and then bring in the reading log to collect a prize. Weekly drawings will give away movie passes and other goodies. Teens can also enter to win one of three grand prize baskets of books, DVDs and coupons.

Adults are asked to register when they will receive a packet of Botanical Interests seeds. Then, adults are asked to read three books and bring in their card to win more prizes.

#### Movie Night @ Your Library

On Thursdays through July 29, Movie Night @ Your Library will draw families to the library from 7 to 9 p.m. to see a PG rated movie and enjoy AMC popcorn. The activity is free. Children under 12 must be accompanied by someone age 13 or older.

#### 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 <a href="https://www.broomfieldlibrary.org">www.broomfieldlibrary.org</a> and click "Online Resources/Databases" then scroll to LearningExpress Library and choose "Computer Skills."

## Capital projects ...

#### **Detention Center Expansion**

The work includes a 3,600 SF 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 complete and Detention staff members have relocated into the new office areas. The remodel of the existing training room and Emergency

Management Unit area is underway. The contractor has completed the majority of the detention housing expansion, and is installing and programming the security electronics, cameras, and video visitation systems.

On the exterior, the contractor is completing the pavement and sidewalks, and is beginning landscape restoration.

#### Skate Park Renovation

A team consisting of Recreation Services and CIP staff was formed to manage the Skate Park Renovation project. A design-build agreement with Team Pain was approved by Council last October. A design kickoff and community input meeting was held on December 14, 2009, at the Broomfield Community Center where the proposed design was discussed with the public.

The Broomfield Skate Park closed for the renovation on April 1. The two new bowls have been completed and Team Pain is working on the street feature area and the "flat work" surrounding the bowl area. Tile has been installed in the deep (advanced) bowl which resembles an actual pool.

The shallow (beginner) bowl includes elements for skill building. The skate park lighting has been put on timers to reduce recreation personnel costs. The site landscaping work has begun and includes correcting previous issues with irrigation water migrating onto the concrete. If the weather conditions remain favorable, the park will be open



by the end of June. Recreation Services is planning a grand opening celebration for August 7.

#### The Bay Body and Ramp Slides

PurePlay Inc. has completed the refurbishment of the body slides, which has included sanding, patching and painting the slides and sanding and painting the support structure where needed. The slide refurbishment by PurePlay has a two-year warranty and an expected life span of 10 years.

The contractor is behind schedule on the ramp slides. In order to be able to safely open the ramp slides for the public, minor patching work has been performed and will continue to be maintained until the crew for the full refurbishment is on site. To minimize the disruption to the public, the crew will be working at night.

Staff will send out a Request for Proposals this year to architects and consultants to take the expansion study of the Bay to the next level of detail. This study will include determining how to accommodate the phased construction approach and the design of the new buildings.



#### 2010 Playground Replacement Project

The 2010 program includes improvements to Country Vista Park and Country Estates Park playgrounds. RFPs were issued to suppliers who participate in the US Commodities or NJPA Cooperative and proposals were received in March. The playground review team (which includes staff members from CIP, Parks Services and Recreation Services) reviewed the proposals and met with suppliers on the final selections.

The Country Vista Playground southeast of 123rd Place and east of Sheridan Boulevard in the Country Vista subdivision is a play structure for 2 to 5 year olds. The play area will be expanded to

allow for a two bay swing to replace the existing single post, single bay swing. One bay will remain tot seats and the other will be belt seats. The existing play equipment will be removed and replaced with a ship-themed play structure and play pieces. Country Vista has been closed for construction since June 9.

The Country Estates Playground is located west of Aspen Street and north of West 136th Avenue in the Country Estates subdivision. It is a playground designed for 5 to 12 year olds.

The existing single post swing set will be removed and replaced with an arch swing set. The existing play structure will also be replaced. A small fabric shade structure will be installed on the existing adjacent concrete pad (see drawing.) The tentative closure date for Country Estates is July 5, 2010



At both playgrounds, the pea gravel surface will be replaced with a poured-in-place surface around the main play structure, and wood mulch in the swing area to provide a more accessible play area. Each playground will be closed for approximately three weeks for equipment removal and construction.

#### <u>2010 Waterline Replacements and Re-use</u> Waterline Installations

Council approved a construction contract with Hirschfeld Backhoe and Pipeline, Inc., for the 2010 Waterline Replacement Project in February. Hirschfeld started construction mid-May. Staff sent newsletters the first week in May to notify residents in the affected areas along East 11th Avenue and East 11th Place.

The mainline has been installed along East 11th Avenue and East 11th Place and water testing has begun. New service taps will be installed after the testing has been complete. Work will then begin on Birdie Road.

## Departmental updates ...

#### **OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS**

In May Open Space and Trails teamed up with the Colorado Division of Wildlife and the Broomfield Open Space Foundation to host a Kids' Fishing Derby at Tom Frost Reservoir. Over 80 children attended the event, learned about fishing, and tried their luck at the reservoir, which had been stocked with 200 rainbow trout earlier in the week. The fish were also provided by the Division of Wildlife for free.

About 100 fishing poles donated by the Division of Wildlife were assembled for clinic attendees. The kids were given the poles to keep and use while

they develop their fishing skills throughout the summer.

Volunteers and officers from the Division of Wildlife explained casting, knot tying, catch and release, fish biology, and safety and fishing laws in a fun and interactive manner for the children at a series of stations around the reservoir.

In addition to the fishing derby, the Broomfield Open Space Foundation works with Broomfield staff to organize a variety of clean up projects, tree plantings, and other events to enhance Broomfield's open space and trails.

## At the Audi ...

#### **Featured**

**July 10:** Dotsero presents smooth jazz at its best. 7 p.m. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and students. Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road.

July 14: Summer Concert Series—Six Foot Joe and the Red Hot Rhinos. On the waterfront in Community Park, 2nd Avenue and Main Street. 7 p.m. Free.

**July 21:** Summer Concert Series—Skean Dubh Celtic music. On the waterfront in Community Park, 2nd Avenue and Main Street. 7 p.m. Free.

**July 24:** Golden Eagle Concert Band. 7 p.m. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and students. Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road.

**July 28:** Summer Concert Series—Giddy Up Kitty bluegrass music. On the waterfront in Community Park, 2nd Avenue and Main Street. 7 p.m. Free.

**July 31:** Family Friendly Opera, 2 p.m. Tickets \$5 or \$10 per family. Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road.

#### 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.

