June 28, 2005

TO: Mayor Stuart and the Broomfield City Council

FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

In Review

Bike to Work Day, 2005

Broomfield employees joined the metro area in choosing ways to get to work on Wednesday, June 22, that minimized fossil fuel usage. The annual Bike to Work event is sponsored by the Denver Regional Council of Governments, and this is the fifteenth year it was observed by Broomfield staffers.

Broomfield employees who registered to participate and actually bicycled, walked, skateboarded, rollerbladed, carpooled, or rode the bus were treated to breakfast at the City and County Building before they began their work day.



Departmental updates

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Code Compliance - Through the end of May the number of calls to the Code Complaint Line has increased 56 percent over last year. A total of 153 calls had been received in 2004 at this time, and in 2005, 239 calls have been received.

In addition, through May 31 a total of seven summonses into Municipal Court were issued and 25 junk vehicles towed.

Planning - As part of the public outreach program for the Comprehensive Plan update, the Community Development Department will insert flyers into the water utility bills to be mailed weekly starting June 23 and ending July 14. One flyer will be sent to each of

the approximately 14,600 Broomfield utility customers. The flyer is designed to be folded like a letter with a "read me first" panel appearing first. It announces a town meeting on Thursday, Aug. 4 in the Lakeshore Room of the Broomfield Community Center from 6 to 8 p.m. It also gives facts about the plan update, and asks residents to attend the meeting to offer ideas and opinions.

COMMUNICATIONS

Articles submitted to the Colorado Municipal League's *Colorado Municipalities* magazine covered Broomfield's water planning efforts (June, 2005), and updates on Broomfield's Senior Center vision (April, 2005).

A new magazine, *Broomfield on the Inside*, was launched this month. It features articles on the various departments, program highlights, photos, new activities and services offered to residents in a full color magazine format. The next edition is scheduled for November.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

Outreach - For the second year, Broomfield HHS reached out to the community to educate and increase awareness among Broomfield residents about West Nile Virus. On June 18, staff from HHS and volunteers from Cooperative Extension participated in the outreach effort at seven local stores: Home Depot; King Soopers (both stores); Wal-Mart; K-Mart; and Safeway (both stores). Information about preventive techniques, DEET, and Bite Blocker (the alternative to DEET) were distributed.

During the four-hour event, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., staff members responded to questions about how to protect young children against mosquitoes. The community was interested and supportive of the initiative. There were even some comments abut how to improve the effort next year. All of the suggestions and comments will be incorporated into plans for the event next year. During the outreach effort, 1,000 sample cans of DEET were distributed.

This year, as last, this event was a useful event in raising awareness about West Nile Virus and providing HHS with an opportunity to provide information to the community about ways to prevent disease.

Health Promotions funding - The Health Promotions Unit has been awarded Thriving Communities Partnership funding. Staff will work closely with Kaiser Permanente, Colorado on the Move, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to implement the Thriving Communities Initiative which promotes healthy eating and active living. The funding will help HHS convene and engage a coalition of stakeholders, complete a community needs assessment and asset mapping, and develop a community mission and action plan centered around support for healthy eating and active living.



Healthy Eating & Active Living

Health Promotions also just completed a six month initiative funded through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment called Hearts on Target

(HOT). HOT focused on educating women about the modifiable risk factors that can be changed to prevent the risks associated with cardiovascular disease. At the end of the 12- week program, pretest and post-test results are categorized in the following table.

	Pre-test	Post-test
With respect to	18% feel it is	41% feel it is
current physical	important,	important, and
activity	and engage in	engage in a
	a regular	regular routine
	routine	
How many	32% reported	65% reported
minutes of	engaging in	engaging in 30
physical activity	30 minutes of	minutes of
do you participate	activity on	physical
in each day?	most days of	activity most
	the week	days of the
		week.

Workforce Center - The Broomfield Workforce Center now has two Governor's Summer Job Hunt program coordinators on staff, and they are available at the center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The governor's program runs in partnership with Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and is sponsored by 9 News. It helps connect youth ages 14 to 21 with local employers for summer jobs, part time jobs or possibly first time career opportunities. Program coordinators can also help youth with their resumes and interviewing skills.

The coordinators will be focusing on both youth and employer recruitment. They will follow up with the more then 800 youth who registered at the Youth Job Fair in February.

Coordinators will also be out marketing Workforce Center services to employers that hire youth and have job openings. The employers and available jobs will be entered into the center's database and youth who meet the qualifications can then be referred to the employers for the listed jobs.

As another part of the summer job hunt for teens, Workforce Center supervisor Celia Hardin and Monica Berger, a program coordinator, participated with the Teen Jobline 9 call in on Tuesday, May 31, at 9 News.

On June 9, 2005, Frank Schoengarth, of the Workforce Center, participated as a presenter for the National Child Support Enforcement Association. The topic was "New Paternity Hot Topics."

Broomfield Extension -The June 2005 Colorado Municipalities magazine includes an article by Councilmember Bette Erickson on the Broomfield City and County Cooperative Extension office. In the article she discusses the history of Broomfield's Cooperative Extension program and current practices.

The magazine, published by the Colorado Municipal League, also features information about program director, Holli Bowman. To contact Broomfield County Extension Director Holli Bowman, call (720) 887-2286.

Recognition -

- The Colorado Family Support Council presented HHS staffer Karin Anastos with the Excellence in Services Award as the Outstanding Child Support Employee in Colorado for 2004.
- Jubie Tafoya-Quezada and Rosa Warner of the Public Health Division recently translated immunization notices into Spanish for the Boulder Valley School District. This will assure that parents of children in need of immunizations are aware of them and referred to the appropriate entities to receive the immunizations.
- On June 16, the Public Health and Environment
 Division was recognized by the Colorado Trust for
 contributions to the Colorado Healthy People
 2010 Initiative. The state-wide three year (20022005) initiative focused on preventing obesity,
 providing access to healthcare, recognizing
 substance abuse, preventing diabetes and
 decreasing unintentional injuries.

Broomfield focused on unintentional injuries. The unintentional injury prevention program housed within Public Health serves older adults by providing a comprehensive fall risk assessment and home modifications to enable our older adults live longer independently in their homes. The Colorado Trust grant will end in September. Approximately 150 Broomfield residents will have participated in this intervention.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Over the weekend of June 18 and 19, 2005, the Detention Center housed 86 inmates, 19 of whom were "weekenders." Currently, the Detention Center has bed space for 81 full-time inmates and 24 weekenders on the gym floor. The Detention Center is experiencing, on a regular basis, high enough levels of inmates that some cells are triple bunked. The maximum capacity in the men's pod is 48, and when the inmate count reaches 49 or higher in that pod, three inmates must share a cell, with one inmate sleeping on a "sled bed" on the floor of the cell.

Although the increased inmate population causes some crowding and additional tension between inmates, Detention staff has taken proactive steps to maintain a good environment. Two Detention Officers perform walk-throughs, cell checks, and assist with meals. Inmates who are not able to remain in the men's or women's pods due to behavioral issues are housed in the Special Management Unit. Infraction reports are written on inmates when problems arise. A study intended to forecast inmate population numbers for the next five years was started last summer by the Police Department and its Detention consultants. Results of the study will be available for review this summer.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Pilot Program - The Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) is implementing a pilot program this summer to test gas caps on local government fleet vehicles. Broomfield has volunteered to take part in this voluntary initiative.

The gas cap testing program is part of the RAQC's ground-level ozone outreach campaign called "Let's take care of our summer air," which was launched June 1. The Local Government Fleet Gas Cap Testing Program is part of this effort.

Faulty or missing gas caps can leak up to one gallon of gasoline every two weeks, contributing to ground-level ozone in the Denver-metro area. Ensuring that vehicles have properly functioning gas caps help save money in fuel costs as well as help reduce ozone formation.

As part of the gas cap testing program, each fleet maintenance department will receive a gas cap testing kit provided by the RAQC. The individual managers are responsible for testing the gasoline vehicles as well as tracking whether the vehicles pass or fail. For the vehicles with failing gas caps, the RAQC will purchase replacement gas caps free of charge.

Ground-level ozone pollution is formed when emissions from everyday items combine with other pollutants and "cook" in the heat and sunlight. Sources of such emissions include local industry, gasoline-powered vehicles and lawn equipment, and household paints, stains, and solvents.

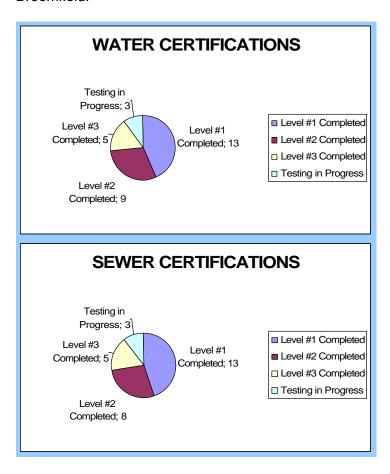
At ground level, ozone pollution is harmful to all, especially the young and elderly. Ozone can also trigger attacks and symptoms in individuals with pre-existing health conditions, such as asthma or other respiratory infections. High levels of ozone pollution often affect healthy people who work or exercise outdoors and can cause breathing difficulties, eye irritation, and reduced resistance to lung infections and colds with exposure for prolonged periods.

Certifications - In 2001 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandated the Colorado Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection System certifications, requiring that municipalities have a certified distribution and collections person in charge. Since 2001, the Public Works Utility Operations Division's 16 technicians have voluntarily been studying, training, and testing for the state certifications.

There are three certification levels:

- Level I: One year experience and 70 percent passing on state exam.
- Level II: Two years experience and 70 percent passing on state exam.
- Level III: Four years experience and 70 percent passing on state exam.

The following graphs represent the level of services and technical experience provided to the residents of Broomfield.



PUBLIC WORKS FIELD WORK

Public Works crews are continuing the 2005 sewer maintenance programs. So far, the jet maintenance crew has completed cleaning the sewer lines associated with the Hot Spot list. (An area can get on the Hot Spot list when any potential problem has been identified by staff.) So far in 2005, the total feet of sewer lines cleaned amounts to 280,730 feet.

The video inspection crew is currently inspecting sewer main lines that are associated with the 2007 street reconstruction program. If any replacements or repairs are identified, they will be budgeted for completion in 2006 so that the street reconstruction in 2007 can proceed with all underground utilities in good shape. So far this year, there have been 47,093 feet of sewer lines video inspected.

2005 West Nile Virus info

Broomfield and Colorado Mosquito Control have joined together again this year to plan for another summer of West Nile Virus. Thus far in 2005, two confirmed cases of West Nile Virus have been reported by the State's Public Health and Environment Department, one in Weld County and one in Pueblo County.

Again this year, Broomfield's Public Health Division, Public Works Environmental Services, and Code Enforcement are collaborating on a plan to provide a comprehensive response for Broomfield's residents this summer. Each division is responsible for key components to the program, but will work with all involved agencies, as needed, to provide a comprehensive response to West Nile Virus for Broomfield.

- Public Health will be responsible for education, providing information and responding to questions from Broomfield residents, and will work with the state department's laboratory. HHS will distribute information brochures at a number of public and community sites. The department will share West Nile Virus information as it is received from the state with the community, as well as city and county departments.
- Colorado Mosquito Control (CMC), working with Public Works Environmental Services staff, began its annual inspections in Broomfield in March and April, and has begun trapping mosquitoes for testing and distributing spray or larvicide in those areas most susceptible to mosquito breeding. Thus far, no large scale mosquito control efforts are required, but surveillance will be ongoing.
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The GIS larval site mapping updates were completed by CMC on May 31. As new areas develop, many new sites have been identified and added to the list of sites that are currently being inspected and treated in City and County of Broomfield.

Larvicide treatments began with the first positive dip samples taken on April 26. Through May, 275 sites have been inspected, 245 were holding water and 54 of those had mosquito larvae present and were treated with larvicide. As of May 31, 22.4 acres of standing water have been treated with larvicide.

Light trapping for adult mosquitoes began May 2. Due to very low numbers of adult mosquitoes in the light traps (less than 10 per trap for 12 hours of operation), few annoyance calls from residents, extremely variable weather conditions and no West Nile Virus activity, no adult mosquito spraying has been considered necessary to date.

CMC received 12 phone calls from Broomfield in May. Calls were related to standing water or swarms of "midge flies."

In the United States, no human cases of West Nile Virus disease have been confirmed thus far in 2005. California and Louisiana have had numerous animal cases (primarily birds). Colorado has had only one reported case of West Nile in an owl in Weld County. That case was confirmed on April 8.

 Animal Control officers will respond to citizen calls and gather dead specimens to be submitted to the state lab. Call 303.464.5557.

As the weather warms, residents are urged to take precautions when they plan to be outside, especially at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active, including the use of insect repellents. Always apply repellents according to manufacturer's directions, and those containing DEET have been found to be most effective.

To protect homes and neighborhoods, residents are advised to empty standing water from flower pots, buckets or any other outside containers. Keep roof gutters free from clogs so water doesn't back up and stand, creating a breeding place for mosquitoes. Repair holes in window and door screens. Where there are no screens, keep windows and doors closed. Don't over-water lawns and keep them mowed to an appropriate height.

West Nile Virus is a potentially serious disease for humans with symptoms that can range from minor discomfort to severe illness. Symptoms can include fever, headache and body aches that last from several days to several weeks.

Severe symptoms can include high fever, severe

headache, neck stiffness, muscle weakness, tremors, mental changes and convulsions. In the most severe cases, the virus can cause encephalitis and/or meningitis and even death. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should contact a physician immediately.

FYI...

Annual Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

The 2005 Household Hazardous Waste spring collection event on May 14 was very successful. Residents were asked to call for an appointment to bring in household products that contain hazardous chemicals. This year, 250 appointments were to be scheduled, and a whopping 328 households participated in the drop off day. The additional 78 households were accommodated with minimal disruption to those who had scheduled appointments.

Construction at FlatIron Crossing

Construction continues in the FlatIron Crossing Village area with this update of the information presented in the April 26 Manager's Report. Concrete is being replaced with brick pavers in the Village area. The existing concrete had moved and cracked. Work started in late summer 2004. Also

last year, the mall replaced concrete and asphalt on the west side of Foley's and in the Village.

The 2005 project continues, replacing the existing concrete located in the Village walkway area with brick pavers and a system which should eliminate any future movement from soil expansion. Some asphalt replacement in problem areas is also under way, including in the valet drop-off area and a couple of additional locations in the parking lots. Most of the work is being done during the night after the retail area has closed.

The water feature that was located by Starbuck's is being replaced with a fire pit which mall owners believe will enhance the Village's atmosphere.

The 2005 improvements are estimated at approximately \$1.8 million. The 2004 work was estimated around \$500,000.

Looking ahead

<u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Sensory</u> Playground Grand Opening

The grand opening ceremony for the new Sensory Playground (at North Midway Park, adjacent to the Girl Scout Shelter) is scheduled for Wednesday, June 29 at 4 p.m. Please join in the festivities.

The Rotary Club will be on hand to give the city its contribution to the playground. In addition to the monetary contribution, the Rotary Club planted the sensory garden adjacent to the playground. It includes plants with fragrances such as pineapple, chocolate, bubblegum and mint.

Six handicap parking spaces have been added on the west edge of the playground to allow easy wheelchair access.

PUBLIC WORKS - Josh's Pond dredging project

Due to water quality concerns reflecting high oxygen demand and low dissolved oxygen, and two fish kills in Josh's Pond in the last four years, plans for a dredging project are underway.

A contractor has been hired to provide environmental testing and permitting, and prepare construction documents to dredge the decaying organic sediment

that has built up in the pond. A similar maintenance activity was done 15 years ago when the area was improved with a "Fishing is Fun" grant through the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

The information-gathering phase for the permitting began on Monday, June 20, with the wetlands delineation. Sediment depth and quality will be tested the week of June 27. Water quality testing is ongoing in-house by staff.

Staff will prepare a briefing and get comments from OSTAC at its July 25 meeting. Permits are expected to be received from the state and the Army Corps of Engineers in August/September.

Notification of the project will be sent to LacAmora residents who live within 500 feet of the pond, and a public meeting will be scheduled for the September/ October timeframe to address neighborhood concerns.

Advertising for the public meeting will be done on the Web site, on channel 8 and in the Broomfield Enterprise. Construction work is scheduled to begin no later than November 1, 2005. The timing of the project in November and December minimizes odor concerns, avoids the peak trail use months and provides time to capture the run-off during the wet months to refill the pond.

Dredging will be completed in four to five weeks, and reclamation of the impacted area and the trail will be completed during December and January. Refilling of the pond will begin immediately after the dredging is completed.

Broomfield CSU Extension 4-H meeting

There will be a general 4-H information meeting on Tuesday, June 28, at 7 p.m. in the Zang's Spur Conference Room in the City and County Building, One DesCombes Drive. Attendees will learn what 4-H is, what it has to offer to the community's youth, and how to get involved.

Capital improvement projects

Sheridan Boulevard Update

What's happening?

The utility contractor has completed construction of the new water and sewer-main lines in the frontage road. They are currently connecting the residential water and sanitary sewer service lines from each of the 33 houses to the new main lines. After the service lines are constructed, Asphalt Specialties, Inc., will begin curb, gutter and sidewalk replacement along the frontage road and will complete storm sewer and inlet construction in the East 10th Avenue, East 14th Avenue, and East 18th Avenue intersections.

Once all the final utility work is complete, the contractor will construct curb, gutter and sidewalk and pave the side street intersections at East 10th

Avenue, East 12th Avenue, East 14th Avenue, East 18th Avenue, and Meadowbrook Drive.

What's next?

Colored-patterned concrete work will begin next month in the intersections of East 13th Avenue and West 136th Avenue. The colored concrete work will require an intersection closure at East 13th Avenue and temporary traffic shifts at the intersection of Sheridan Blvd. and West 136th Avenue. This intersection will be constructed in four phases. This work is scheduled to begin in early July. The contractor will be also shifting two-way traffic from the northbound lanes to the southbound lanes during the construction of the concrete intersections to accommodate the phased construction.

Asphalt Specialties, Inc., is also constructing sidewalks south of East 13th Avenue. Xcel Energy's contractor is installing street lights in the roadway medians and pedestrian lights along the sidewalks.

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

Westlake Water Line Replacement

Brannan Construction Company began installing the waterlines in the Westlake subdivision on June 13, 2005. The project includes both waterline replacements and street reconstruction. The waterline work has been completed on West 134th Way from Westlake Drive to the end of the cul-desac. The contractor will begin the waterline

replacement work on West 134th Circle from Westlake Drive to the end. The contractor will then work on the waterlines in West 134th Court and West 134th Place. Concrete and street reconstruction will take place after all the waterline work is complete. The entire project is expected to be complete by the end of October, 2005.

At the Audi . . .

Summer 'six pix' of concerts

The Broomfield amphitheater summer concert series offers "six pix" this year for residents and visitors. The rain location is in the Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road.

Sponsors of this year's series are the City and County of Broomfield, SCFD, KEZW am 1430, FlatIron Crossing and the Yellow Scene. Check them out --

CONCERT #1

Opening concert: Wednesday, June 29, 7 p.m. – Catfish and the Crawlers

One of the top seven blues acts in the state, this hotter 'n hot five-piece band plays blues the way you like it! Full of energy and jammin' - the real deal!

CONCERT #2

Wednesday, July 6, 7 p.m. - Tropical Coyotes

One of best event bands around, this seven-piece group brings the 'islands' to Broomfield, playing reggae, calypso, Beach Boys and Jimmy Buffet tunes.

CONCERT #3

<u>Wednesday, July 13, 7 p.m. – Rebecca Folsom</u> <u>Band</u>

Sultry, soulful Rebecca and her versatile band perform a colorful array of original tunes--from ballads to "knock you to your knees" rock and pop!

CONCERT #4

Wednesday, July 20, 7 p.m. – Kool Cats

Great harmonies, flashy guitar work, and amazing performances of 50s, 60s, and 70s pop hits make this four-piece band a perennial summertime favorite!

CONCERT #5

<u>Wednesday, July 27, 7 p.m. – Chris Daniels and The Kings</u>

This ever-popular, globe-trotting seven-piece band *is* the Colorado sound - entertaining fans with a funky mix of jump blues, soul and horn-infused rock!

CONCERT #6

<u>Final Concert: Wednesday, August 3, 7 p.m. –</u> The Receders

Playing all kinds of funkin' groovin' music, this fivepiece band will get you on your feet with hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s!

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