

City & County Manager's Report

July 22, 2008

TO: Mayor Quinn and the Broomfield City Council

FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

July 4 fun, fireworks, Great American Picnic = bigger, better this year

Broomfield's July 4 festivities brought fun, fireworks and a bigger and better Great American Picnic. This was the second year the event was held at Broomfield County Commons.

Successes of note this year include the addition of Zip Shuttles brought in to help with parking and access, shuttling attendees from Legacy High School parking to the Commons. Staff reserved the front roundabout for Zip Shuttle drop-off and pick-up, which especially helped speed up the exit-from-party-process.

Three additional vendors were added: Woody's Pizza, Maui Wowi, and Big Jim's Barbecue, all Broomfield businesses. They reported great business, and reduced waiting lines for participants.

This year's bicycle parade had 300 participants, 100 more than last year, the first year of this part of the event.

This year, the City Council hand-outs featured half sugar-free Dilly bars and half Star Pops. This was a popular and much-appreciated change. In an hour and a half, 3,000 treats were dispensed.

This year's increased fireworks shell sizes (to seven and eight inches), with the Funkiphino band playing right up until fireworks began and starting the show off with a booming rendition of "I'm Proud to Be an American," were huge crowd pleasers.

Also, increasing entertainment to two bands instead of one as in years past brought more excitement to the venue.



Inflatables were a big hit with the younger set.

Because the weather for the event was superb, the new stoplight system implemented to keep participants informed of the fireworks show status was not needed. This will undoubtedly come in handy for future years.

Next year, staff plans to use more signage to indicate where the staging area is for the bicycle parade. Instead of walking around the crowd to sell the glow necklaces, this vendor will be located under a tent in one location. Participants became a little frustrated this year, because they couldn't find the people selling the necklaces.

FYI

Recreation Services tells summer maintenance closures

Recreation Services has announced the maintenance closures for the Paul Derda Recreation Center and the Broomfield Community Center this summer:

Paul Derda Recreation Center

- Entire facility will be closed August 23 29, opening for regular hours beginning August 30.
- The gymnasium will be closed August 20 -29.

Broomfield Community Center

- Lakeshore banquet rooms will be closed for maintenance from August 18 through Sept. 1.
- Community Center and the indoor swimming pool will be open regular hours during this time.

For additional information on the maintenance closures, call 303.460.6900.

Wastewater staff set to present paper at national conference

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) has accepted a paper that was co-authored by Wastewater Division Superintendent Ken Rutt, and Chief Plant Operator Jim Seda, along with staff from Black & Veatch and the South Adams County Water and Sanitation District.

The paper is titled "Optimizing IFAS (integrated fixed film activated sludge) and MBBR (moving bed bio-film reactor) Designs". It discusses how to minimize costs and maximize plant capacity by placing the right amount of "media" (free-floating plastic) in the right place.

The paper will be presented at the 2008 WEFTEC National Exhibition and Conference being held in October at the Chicago Convention Center. Over 20,000 water quality experts from around the world attend.

Looking ahead

Walk to 'Warm up for Fall'

Wednesday, July 23, HHS and America on the Move are hosting a "Warm up for Fall" walk beginning at 6 p.m. at Broomfield County Commons Park. This walk will help participants warm up for the annual Fall Fitness Challenge, and promises to be a fun way to get those extra 2000 steps into the day.

Participants are asked to RSVP to candice31@mho.com.

America on the Move will provide water, a small snack, and a new pedometer for those who need one.

Sunset Magazine will be present to talk to folks about the Broomfield community and how it has been recognized as a good example of a healthy community. In addition, information will be

provided about upcoming community health events including information on the fall Get Fit Stay Fit Challenge.

Police bring National Night Out in August preparedness effort

Plan now to bring a picnic and a non-perishable food item to donate to FISH, and come to the park for this year's 'National Night Out' Tuesday, August 5. This year's "all city" emphasis on safety and all-hazard preparedness is sponsored by the Broomfield Police Department at Broomfield County Commons Park from 5 to 9 p.m.

Demonstrations include the K-9 Unit at 6 p.m., an extrication exercise by North Metro Fire Rescue at 6:45 p.m. and again at 8 p.m., and a Flight For Life landing at 7:30 p.m.

Returning this year are learning stations, Touch-a-Truck, live music, preparedness checklists, free ice cream, drawings and prizes.

HHS sets back-to-school immunization clinic

Health and Human Services has set its annual back-to-school immunization clinic at Emerald Elementary School on August 14. HHS will provide all required childhood vaccines **at no charge** to children ages 2 months through 18 years. The clinic will coincide with "Crayons to Calculators," the school supply pick-up for families in need.

The Broomfield Rotary Club has volunteered to provide assistance with the clinic.

Funding for the vaccines comes from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment through an Immunization Outreach grant.

Ask-a-Master-Gardener phone help gives residents answers

Ask A Master Gardener phone lines are open for residents to call the Colorado Master Gardeners of Broomfield with questions related to their home yard, landscape or garden. Master Gardeners are in the office from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, but the phone line is available to take messages 24-hours a day, and residents are

encouraged to leave a message for a call-back. The number for residents to call is 303.464.5554.

In addition, the Colorado Master Gardeners of Broomfield will once again be at the Home Depot on the first and third Saturdays of every month, through August, to answer gardening questions on a variety of topics. Look for the Master Gardener Tent outside the store from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on August 2 and 16.

Coming:

Oct. 2, 8 p.m.: Grammy Award winning Mexican performer and international superstar Luis Miguel is bringing his Cómplices Tour 2008 to the Broomfield Event Center. Tickets went on sale Saturday, July 19 at www.Ticketmaster.com, all Ticketmaster outlets, the Broomfield Event Center box office and Rancho Liborio grocery stores.

As one of the most popular singers in Latin American music, Luis Miguel is commonly referred to as "El Sol de Mexico (The Sun of Mexico)." His latest album *Cómplices* was released on May 6 and includes 12 new songs from famous Spanish composer Manuel Alejandro.

Cómplices is his first album of new material in five years. Powered by the first single, "Si Tú Te Atreves," the album debuted at #1 on the sales charts in Mexico, Argentina, Spain, Chile, Colombia, Peru and the U.S. The album also debuted at #1 on the Billboard Latin Album chart, which made Luis Miguel the artist with the most #1 Latin albums to date.

Capital projects ...

2008 Street Reconstruction and Waterline Replacement - Aspen and Bellaire Courts

In April, City Council approved a construction agreement with Concrete Express, Inc., for the 2008 Street Reconstruction and Waterline Replacement Project that includes Aspen and Bellaire Courts and the Westlake Subdivision.

Concrete Express is completing the construction of a storm line in East Midway Boulevard, which will collect the drainage from Aspen and Bellaire Courts.

The Children's Hospital Sewer Line

In April, City Council approved a construction agreement with BT Construction, Inc., for the installation of a force main sewer line for The Children's Hospital.

A permit for the force main sewer line was submitted to the State Health Department in early May. Once the permit has been approved, construction can begin. The long lead items that staff has ordered (pipe and pumps) are expected to arrive this month. Staff is also working with United Power on the electrical service needed for

the pumps and alarm system. Construction is expected to start soon.

2008 Playground Replacement Project

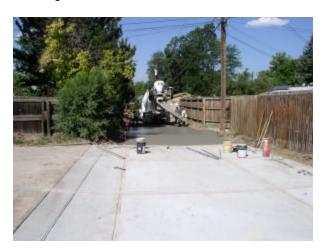
The 2008 program includes improvements to the Trails at Westlake, Willow Park, and Blue Star Memorial Park playgrounds. The project also includes minor handicap access improvements at seven other playgrounds.

Staff has been working with vendors on the US Commodities List for the equipment replacement, and has met with the vendors to select equipment and work on scheduling of the sites. Purchase orders for Willow Park and Trails at Westlake have been issued. The remaining purchase orders will be issued in July and work will be scheduled for late summer and fall after equipment fabrication.

The site work for the Blue Star Memorial Playground started in late June. The existing wooden (railroad ties) retaining wall will be removed and a concrete retaining wall will be installed.

Broomfield Heights Alley Improvement Project, Phase 1A and 1B

This project includes the reconstruction of the alleys located behind the homes along Midway Boulevard from Main Street to Kohl Street. Phase 1A, the alleys behind the homes on the north side of Midway, is substantially complete. Construction of the alley south of Midway Boulevard is well underway and is expected to be completed by mid-August 2008.



Transportation updates ...



Mayor Quinn joins in signing recommendation for U.S. 36

Broomfield Mayor Pat Quinn joined agency and corridor representatives from the U.S. 36

Preferred Alternative Committee (PAC) in signing a recommendation for the U.S. 36 Corridor earlier this month.

The 'combination' alternative provides a multimodal transportation vision for the future, which includes Bus Rapid Transit, managed lanes, highway safety improvements and a bikeway from Denver to Boulder. The alternative was developed through public comment and significant collaboration by all parties of the PAC.

The U.S. 36 PAC recommended a 'combination' alternative that is responsive to public comments and long-term transportation needs that, pending additional analysis, is expected to be adopted as the Preferred Alternative.

CDOT opens 128th over I-25

On July 9, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) opened 128th Avenue over I-25 following approximately eight months of

construction. The project replaced the existing 128th Avenue bridge over I-25 with one that is approximately 73 feet wide to accommodate two through lanes in each direction as well as a 10-foot sidewalk on each side.

While the new bridge will be able to accommodate two lanes of traffic in each direction, it is only striped for one lane in each direction. Once 128th Avenue is widened on the east and west sides of I-25 by local jurisdictions, the bridge can then be striped for two through lanes in each direction without additional work taking place on the bridge.

Over the next few weeks, motorists may encounter some shoulder closures on 128th Avenue during daytime hours for landscaping activities and some lane closures on F25 for sign installation during nighttime hours. In addition, crews will return to the site in late July or early August to install new lighting on 128th Avenue and under the bridge on F25

Jalisco International Inc. is the contractor for this \$6.3 million project.

Departmental updates ...

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Aside from the Audi's already busy evening schedule, new daytime events continue to add to the calendar. Front Range Academy is the second school to sign a year-long contract to hold its graduation ceremonies in the Auditorium after a positive experience using the facility for a talent show. Front Range Director Jerry Dare sent a letter of appreciation to staff.

A second letter of thanks was received in June from the *Aster Women's Choir* for staff's help. A third thank-you letter came from Tina Marx and the Millionaires, one of the summer concert bands. Auditorium events slow down towards the end of August, allowing time for maintenance.

OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS

Trails Day in June celebrated the local trails and open space by walking, running and biking. On a clear breezy morning with spectacular views of the mountains, about 350 people participated in the annual event held in conjunction with National Trails Day.

Participants traversed the newly constructed trail throughout the Wildgrass neighborhoods and Open Space, and bikers also toured the trails around the new Siena Reservoir. The event was hosted at Holy Family High School and a variety of information and education tables were available for participants, including live raptors and several nature themed displays. Free t-shirts, passes to The Bay, and a variety of refreshments and prizes were also provided.

This year's event was also a zero waste event for the first year, as all waste generated at the event was immediately recycled or composted. Ecocycle provided information and expertise on recycling processes and opportunities.

National Trails Day is celebrated around the country every year on the first Saturday in June. The Broomfield Trail Adventure takes place at a different site in Broomfield every year to celebrate the trails and open space in our local community. Be on the lookout for the next Broomfield Trail Adventure at a new site next June!

PUBLIC WORKS

Environmental Services – Environmental Services, Health and Human Services, and Colorado Mosquito Control sponsored a West Nile Virus/Integrated Pest Management Information event in June in Community Park.

Over 200 people visited the outreach event.

Attendees with water features in their yards were given fat-head minnows to prevent mosquitoes from breeding; 750 fish were given away. There were also 400 packets of insect repellent provided to people stopping by the information tent and to those attending the concert.

The event was an opportunity to inform residents about Broomfield's mosquito program, the city's activities designed to reduce summer mosquito populations, and what to do to protect against West Nile Virus.

Attendees expressed appreciation for the event and informed staff they looked forward to it.

Wastewater – The program modification approved by City Council in May for Broomfield's industrial pretreatment program received the EPA's official notice of approval for the legal authority changes.

The notice affirms Broomfield Municipal Code Chapter 13.28.

RECREATION SERVICES

Adults and Seniors – There were 456 participations in senior trips and drop-in activities during June.

Aquatics – The Masters Swim Team now has a paid coach, rather than a volunteer as in the past. The coach's name is David Willman.

The Bay has opened in the mornings with *BAY BLITZ* for a full week of ultimate water fitness Monday through Friday, July 28 through August 1 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. No pre-registration is necessary. Drop-in/Punch Pass/Annual Pass fees apply.

There are many upcoming changes for fall in Aquatics:

- A classification system for brochure and website class organization makes scheduling and meeting individuals' needs a much more user-friendly process for patrons.
 - Classes are organized according to age.
 - o Instruction levels have been named creatively, and in alphabetical order, i.e., A is for Alligators, B is for Blue Whale, C is for Crab, D is for Dolphin...etc.
- Age group division changes meet specific needs for swim instruction.
 - New series of swim instruction classes for just the 3 year olds. This change was made because the younger children require more attention than the 4 to 6 years-old children.
 - Beginning and Intermediate classes designed for just 10-14 year-olds.
 - Aquatic Conditioning class for ages 13 years and over.
 - Adult swim lessons for ages 15 years and over.
- The ever-increasing demand for private lessons, scheduling instructors and pool time changes are met.

- Adding additional lower-ratio classes (maximum of 3 participants) to offset part of the demand.
- Rather than handling private lessons on an "as-requested" basis, private instruction is now set up on a preregister basis where participants sign up for a section of six classes. The classes are listed in the brochure.
- Outreach to a younger set for aquatic fitness classes brings name changes.
 - Aquacize classes have new names;
 adding pizazz to the appeal: Drill Bits,
 H20 Cardio Kick It!, Hydro Dynamics,
 Cross Training, and Fluid Motion.
- Maximizing efficiency in pool scheduling will increase customer satisfaction and convenience.
 - o Rather than just showing up for a child to be tested regarding what swim level of instruction is appropriate, this will now be done on a pre-register basis. Cost for the testing (which was previously free) includes the test, price of admission to the Derda Center, and a free pass to come again!
 - For similar reasons, new Boy Scout
 Merit Badge Testing will be done on a
 pre-register basis. Registration fee
 includes entrance to the pool for some
 fun after testing.
- Additional classes will meet interest and enrollment demands in highly-successful programs.
 - The Guard Start Classes, only offered during the summer to date, will be offered year-round.
 - A new Fun & Fitness H20 Class!
 This is an extension of the popular
 Fun n' Fitness floor aerobics class for ages 8 to 14 years.
 - Additional sessions offered for Seniorcise (now Fluid Motion) and the Arthritis Foundation Program.

Gymnastics – There were 14 teams competing in the July 11 and 12 CARA regional meet at the Paul Derda Recreation Center. Each competing gymnast qualified for the event by achieving a predetermined score in four previous qualifying meets.

This year 111 Broomfield gymnasts qualified for this Regional meet.

The Broomfield Flyers team from Broomfield Recreation Services was the biggest team in the CARA league this year. Overall gymnastics

participations and competing gymnasts numbers for Broomfield have steadily grown since the Derda Center opened.

Youth and Teens – Summer activities are popular:

- 3,297 participations in *Summer Camp, Extreme Summer Camp and Teen Adventure Series* programs in June.
- 467 total participations in Early Learning (Preschool) Jump Bunch and Active Kids fitness programs in June.
- 1,455 total participations in General Interest youth and teen classes at The Broomfield Community Center in June.
- On Wednesday, July 9, Broomfield hosted Summer Camp Fusion at the Broomfield County Commons. This is a field day including summer camp programs from area recreation centers.



14ers player Damien Lolar and the 14ers mascot William T. Goat visited this fun event. There were 471 kids and 88 staff members in attendance. Participating jurisdictions were Loveland, Hyland Hills, Lafayette, Golden, Denver, Fort Lupton, and Broomfield. There were 22 different games. Lafayette won the staff tug-a-war competition and Broomfield won the 3-legged race staff competition.

At the Audi ...

Variety show benefits FRIENDS of Broomfield

This annual variety show benefits Broomfield adults with disabilities, and offers something for everyone. Sponsored by Broomfield's Therapeutic Recreation Division and Cultural Affairs, the show is Thursday and Friday July 24 and 25, at 7 p.m. A \$10 donation is requested.

Dance outdoors through summer with 2008 Concert Series

Broomfield's annual Summer Concert Series ends July 30 at the Amphitheater in Community Park beginning at 7 p.m. with *Tropical Coyotes*. The concert is free and family friendly. Plan for top quality, fun, island-friendly music from Calypso to Jimmy Buffet, and from Latin sounds to the Beach Boys. Inclement weather moves performances into the Broomfield Auditorium.

Family movie night

Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library presents another family movie night, this one featuring Grated *The Piglet Movie*. Sponsored by the Children's Library, the whole family is invited to enjoy the movie in the Auditorium on Thursday, July 31, beginning at 7 p.m. It's free.

No one under 13 will be admitted unless accompanied by someone 13 or older. There is no registration, but space is limited. (No food or drinks please.)

For more information, email umarino@broomfield.org, telephone 720.887.2315, or visit www.broomfieldlibrary.com

Summer youth players present 'The Secret Garden'

This annual summer drama program, created and implemented by Broomfield youth, brings together kids ages 10 to 18 from local schools. They come together to present a different show each summer from the front of the house to backstage,

rehearsing, acting, directing, designing and constructing sets and even handling budget responsibilities.

The youth players also handle crew work, marketing, costumes, make-up, and ushering at the Broomfield Auditorium.

Sponsored by the Broomfield Council for the Arts and Humanities and the city's Cultural Affairs Division, this year's production runs Friday, August 1, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 2, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door

'The Troupe' presents Pilgrims Progress August 8

The full-length, comedic adaptation of the story of a man's spiritual journey from conviction of sin to entry into the gates of Heaven is presented by 'The Troupe,' Denver's Christian theatre company, on Friday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m.

'The Troupe' is dedicated to developing and producing quality, non-preachy plays and musicals for both church-going and secular audiences Tickets: \$15/10

In the gallery

VSA Arts of Colorado, continues to August 8: Very Special Arts of Colorado gives people with disabilities the opportunity to learn through, participate in and enjoy the arts. On display will be paintings by Nancy Rourke, Chuck Abrams, Uzi Buzgalo, and more!

Mark your calendar:

Golden Eagle Concert Band presents its Summer Pops Concert, Saturday, July 26, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$7

Abhinaya School Of Dance presents its Indian Dance Show on Sunday, July 27, 4 to 6 p.m. Free.

Ongoing at the Audi:

Wonderful Wednesdays – the Library and the arts council offer free programs every summer for elementary school age children. The next Wonderful Wednesdays performance is Wednesday, July 30 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Fabulous Fridays – The Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library and Broomfield Council on the Arts and Humanities offer this program free of charge. Families of pre-school children ages 3 to 6 can come to the library for entertainment and a variety of cultural experiences. Musicians, singers, jugglers, puppeteers, magicians, and more provide a unique summer sampler of entertainment.

Upcoming dates are Fridays, July 25 and August 1 at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are available at the Auditorium Box Office beginning at 9:30 a.m. For more information, email Kathy Klatt at kklatt@broomfield.org, telephone 720.887.2320 or visit www.broomfieldlibrary.com

For more information on events at the Audi, call the **Events Hotline** at 303.469.3301, ext. 7999, or visitwww.broomfieldauditorium.com

