



# City & County Manager's Report

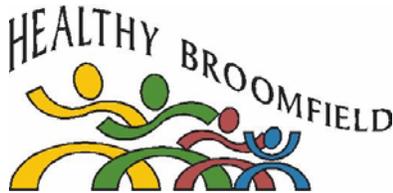
July 25, 2006

**TO:** Mayor Stuart and the Broomfield City Council  
**FROM:** George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

FYI

## *Employees participate in annual Tri City Shuffle, Bike to Work Day*

The 2006 Tri City Shuffle wrapped up on June 11, and the 69 Broomfield employees who competed against employees from the cities of Lafayette and Louisville took second place in the friendly competition with 91,471 points.



Employees from the three cities competed to see which group could accumulate the most minutes walking, running, biking or swimming. Louisville finished in first with 91,720 points.

Bike to Work Day on June 28 had a record 75 Broomfield employees participating. There were two employee breakfast stations, one at the City and County Building, and one at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Both were well attended and over 980 car miles were saved, roundtrip!

## *Coyote conflicts elicit response*

Over the past several months, calls about conflicts between coyotes and trail users walking their dogs at Broomfield County Commons have prompted some specific measures that will be implemented to insure that appropriate safety precautions are in place to minimize conflicts between humans and coyotes.

They include:

**Signs:** Division of Wildlife coyote signs will be placed at each entrance to the Commons open space. These signs currently have already been placed in numerous locations, but some have been vandalized and need to be replaced. Also, since the recent construction of the trail system, new access points exist, so additional signs will be placed in these locations.

**Publicity:** Information about coyotes will be distributed to the Neighborhood Watch block captains throughout the city to be distributed to residents, a Channel 8 public service announcement about coyotes and dogs will again be aired frequently on Channel 8, and an article on coyotes will be included in the August utility bill flyer, "NewsNotes for your info."

In addition, a public service announcement regarding coyotes will be submitted for publication in the *Broomfield Enterprise*, and information about coyotes will be made available on the Broomfield Web site.

Future publicity efforts are also planned. The Division of Wildlife has agreed to work with Broomfield staff to develop an article for the *Enterprise* in the spring of 2007 that will inform residents about what to expect during the birthing season on a variety of animals including prairie dogs, rabbits and coyotes.

Broomfield and Division of Wildlife staff will get together again in early March to review

the coyote situation at the Commons open space area to determine if any additional steps need to be taken.

**Animal control patrol:** Animal Control will continue to conduct directed patrol in the Commons area as often as possible to insure that dogs are on leashes.

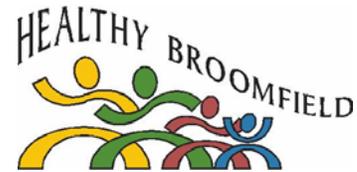
**Citizen calls:** Citizens who call with questions or concerns about coyotes will receive the Division of Wildlife brochure entitled, "Living with Wildlife." Staff answering the calls will reiterate the importance of keeping dogs on leash and moving away from coyotes if the situation appears threatening.

## Looking ahead

### ***Wellness Fair set for employees***

An Employee Wellness Fair has been scheduled from 7 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19, in the Lakeshore Room at the Broomfield Community Center. Employees will be able to participate in a wide variety of activities, including a full blood panel, health risk assessment, vision and hearing

screenings, gait analysis, foot reflexology, chair massage, and more.



There will be displays on a wide variety of wellness related topics, as well as drawings and prizes for people who attend and participate in the health screenings.

## Capital improvement projects ...

### ***Street projects are abundant during summer construction season***

There are many highly visible construction projects currently underway in Broomfield. The summer season means street overlays and sealing, reconstruction, and water and sewer line replacements. While noise, dust and delays may occur, the end results are reliable public utilities and a quality transportation system. It's all part of taking care of the city's assets.

The 2006 street reconstruction managed by the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Division includes:

- **Beryl Street** from West Sixth Avenue to Eagle Way. Work has been completed.
- **Coral Street** from West Sixth Avenue to Eagle Way. The sub grade was reconditioned with fly ash, and asphalt paving began the week of July 10.

Concrete replacement and paving have been completed.

- **Daphne Street** from Eagle Way north to Cedar Court. Work is scheduled to begin the week of July 17, beginning with the water pipeline installation. The contractor is currently on schedule for this project. Work is scheduled to be completed by the middle of September.
- **Eagle Way** between Main Street and Emerald. The water pipeline has been replaced. Concrete removal and replacement are scheduled to begin the week of July 17. Eagle Way will be overlaid from Main Street to Emerald Street.

The contractor is currently on schedule for this project, and work immediately around Broomfield High School is scheduled to be completed by late August.

Another CIP project is the **Broomfield Heights Improvements**, including



construction of the neighborhood entry islands at West First at Main Street, and Emerald Street at West First Avenue.

The entry island work began the week of July 10 and should take three to four weeks to complete. The raised crosswalk has been designed and construction is anticipated to take place in late July to mid August.

Also on the CIP list are:

- East Midway power line burial and landscaping: Xcel Energy has redesigned the first phase of this project and is burying the power lines along the south side of East Midway. Xcel is still working on the design for the power line burial for the second phase. Landscaping along the north side of East Midway along Westlake Village is anticipated to begin in August.

- Gateway signs: The contractor is working on shop drawings and submittals. Work will begin when the drawings are approved.
- Citywide playground equipment replacement: Playgrounds have been replaced at Columbine Park East and at Highland Park. Blue Star Memorial Park's playground will be designed in-house.
- Trail connection from Lilac Park to U.S. 287: The concrete trail and pedestrian crossing at Burbank Street are complete except for the guardrail. The guardrail and bridge are scheduled to be set in mid July. Grading and seeding adjacent to the trail is under way. Work should be completed by the end of July.

**Public Works Projects:** Work continues on chip seal projects, street overlays, and water line replacements. Chip seal projects are projected to be completed by Sept. 1, overlays and water line replacements by Oct. 30.

Here's where the work is scheduled. The highlighted areas are complete.

STREET OVERLAYS		
STREET	FROM	TO
Alcott Cr.	Alcott St.	Alcott St.
Breckenridge Trail	Outlook Trail	Outlook Trail
Clay St.	W. 144th Ave.	W. 149th Ave.
E. 9th Ave.	Ash St.	Birch St.
Elken Ct.	Deerfield Way	End
Elmwood Ct.	Northmoor Dr.	cul de sac
Emerald St.	Kohl St.	Ridgeview Ave.
Garnet St.	Emerald Ave.	Ridgeview Ave.
Grove St.	W. 127th Ave.	Green Cr.
Hemlock Way	Kohl St.	Ridgeview Ave.
Hemlock Way	W. 18th Ave.	Kohl St.
Hickory St.	Greenway Dr. S.	Greenway Dr. S.
Irving Ct.	Meadow Ave.	Cul de sac
Irving St.	W. 144th Ave.	W. 152nd Ave.
Jade St.	W. 1st Ave.	W. 4th Ave.
James Ct.	Meadow Ave.	Cul de sac
Julian Ct.	W. 127th Ave.	Cul de sac

Julian St.	W. 126th Ave.	W. 127th Ave.
Keystone Trail	Breckenridge Trail	Cul de sac
Kohl St.	Daphne St.	Water Tanks
Kohl St.	W. 1st Ave.	W. 3rd Ave.
Kohl St.	Miramonte Blvd.	W. 10th Ave.
Larch Ct.	Kohl St.	Cul de sac
Miramonte Blvd.	S. H. 287	Kohl St.
Newton Way	Maria Cr.	End
Nickel St.	W. 6th Ave.	W. 10th Ave.
Poplar Way	Oak Circle N.	Rock Creek Dr.
Quay St.	W. 116th Ave.	W. 117th Ave.
Ridge Cr.	Ridge Dr.	End
Rock Creek Dr.	Oak Circle N.	Poplar Way
Sheffield Dr.	W. 126th Ave.	Osceola St.
Utica Cr.	Vrain St.	Vrain St.
W. 126th Ave.	Julian St.	Hazel St.
W. 128th Ave.	Wolff St.	E. Midway Blvd.
W. 135th Pl.	W. 134th Ave.	Cul de sac
W. 144th Ave.	Lowell Blvd.	Zuni St.
W. 6th Ave.	Kohl St.	S.H. 287
W. 128th Pl.	Wolff St.	Yates Cr.
W. 12th Ave. Ct.	Rock Creek Dr.	Poplar Way
Wolff St.	E. Midway Blvd.	Cul de sac
Wolff Ct. (N)	W. 128th Pl.	Cul de sac
Wolff Ct. (S)	W. 128th Pl.	Cul de sac
<b>CAPE SEAL STREETS</b>		
<b>STREET</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
Miramonte Blvd.	Kohl St.	Daphne St.
E. 10th Ave.	Main St.	Ash St.
W. 160th Ave.	Huron St.	City Limits
N. Perry St.	W. 120th Ave.	W. 121 St. Pl.
Park St.	Commerce St.	Carr St.
Carr St.	Park St.	W. 120th Ave.
Industrial Ln.	Nickel St.	2260 Alter St.
W. 1st Ave.	Marble St.	Nickel St.
Miramonte Blvd.	Lilac St.	Oak Circle N.
W. Midway Blvd	Hoyt St.	End
Park Pl.	E. 14th Ave.	Cul de sac
E. 14th Pl.	E. 14th Ave.	Cul de sac
W. 131st Way	Westlake Pl.	Grove Way
W. 15th Ave.	Kohl St.	Cul de sac
W. 7th Ave. Dr.	Kohl St.	W. 6th Ave.

Sage St.	Kohl St.	Cul de sac
Agate Way	Emerald St.	W. 2nd Ave.
Antlers St.	Buffalo Ave.	Cul de sac
Bellaire St.	E. 12th Ave.	E. 13th Ave.
Breckenridge Dr.	Columbine Ave.	Redstone Dr.
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Fairplay Ave.	Basalt Ct.	Telluride Dr.
Minturn Ave.	Telluride Dr.	Basalt Ct.
Tincup Cir.	Ophir St.	Cul de sac
Gladstone Cir.	Columbine Ave.	Cul de sac
Beryl Way	Emerald St.	W. 2nd Ave.
Lilac St.	Hoyt St.	W. 10th Ave.
Quartz Dr.	Miramonte Blvd.	END
Cascade Ct.	Cascade St.	Cul de sac (east)
Eliot Pl.	W. 135th Ave.	Cul de sac
Laurel St.	S.H. 287	W. 3rd Ave.
Marble St.	S.H. 287	W. 3rd Ave.
N. Perry St.	W. 121 St. Pl.	END
Oak Lane	Evergreen St.	Cul de sac
Prince Cir.	N. Princess Cir.	N. Princess Cir.
W. 4th Ave.	Laurel St.	Garnet St.
Primrose Ct.	Patton St.	Cul de sac
<b>WATER LINE REPLACEMENTS</b>		
<b>STREET</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
Fresno Ct.	Miramonte Blvd .	End of Cul de sac
Mesa Ct.	Miramonte St.	End of Cul de sac
Country Club Ct.	Miramonte St.	End of Cul de sac
Abilene Dr.	Monterey Dr.	Monterey Dr.
W. 8th Ave. Dr.	Kohl St.	Kalmia Way
Aqua Ct.	Abilene Dr.	End of Cul de sac
W. 134th Ave.	Westlake Dr.	Westlake Dr.
W. 6th Ave.	Alter St.	Compton St.
Monterey Dr.	Miramonte Blvd.	Daphne St.
Argo Ct.	Monterey Dr.	End of cul de sac
Cedar St.	E. 10th Ave.	E. 13th Ave.
Northmoor Dr.	Dexter St.	Dover Way
Evergreen St.	Greenway Dr. N.	End
Pine St.	Evergreen St.	Greenway Dr. E.
Pine Way	Evergreen St.	Pine St.
Pinion St.	Evergreen St.	Greenway Dr. E.

## ***Sheridan pedestrian underpass***

The underpass structure has been installed and backfilled. The contractor reconstructed the west side of Sheridan. The detour has been removed, and the roadway has been re-opened to four lanes of traffic. A temporary pedestrian path was constructed along the west side of Sheridan. The permanent sidewalk will be constructed after the west side retaining walls are completed in late fall.

The contractor is completing the retaining walls on the east side of Sheridan (see photo). When they are complete, the contractor will begin the retaining walls on the west side of Sheridan. The east side will



continue to take shape as the trail areas are graded and poured, and the railing gets installed.

## Departmental updates ...

### **CLERK AND RECORDER**

**Election activities:** The logic and accuracy test was performed and passed on July 8. This procedure is used to certify the accuracy of the ballot counting system. The testing is conducted by the Clerk and Recorder along with the chairpersons from the Broomfield Democratic and Republican parties.



Testing involved counting ballots through both the optical scan ballot tabulators and the new direct recording electronic equipment.

On June 23, over 26,000 notifications were mailed to Broomfield voters informing them of important election dates, vote center locations, and providing them with an absentee ballot application. As of July 12, over 3,300 absentee ballot applications had been returned and processed.

Preparations continue for the seven vote centers for this year's elections. The effort has involved staff from several departments. The Public works Street Division has finished work on several dozen signs that will be

placed along streets to direct voters to the vote centers, while the Facilities Division has finished plans to deliver, set up, and retrieve equipment on Election Day.

The Police Department has completed plans for providing traffic control and security, and Information Technology has provided many, many hours of effort insuring that computer systems will be accessible on Election Day at each of the locations.

The Communications team has put together several public service announcements covering election dates, vote center locations, absentee, and early voting. These will be running frequently on Channel 8 and some are available for viewing on the city's Web site.

The Clerk and Recorder staff has been busy, too. Training schedules and materials are being put together for Election Day workers. Mock setup and testing is occurring at each of the vote center sites.

Additional public communication is under way including outreach efforts to the disabled community which features the new handicap

accessible voting equipment. All of this activity is occurring while maintaining a 24-hour turnaround for registration and absentee transactions.

County Clerk and Recorder Russ Ragsdale said, "We are looking forward to a successful Primary Election and smooth, well-attended General Election in November!"

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Channel 8 Manager Kim Greason has learned that Broomfield will win an award at the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) conference on August 25. While the specific award is not yet announced, NATOA has advised that Broomfield is among the top three winners in the Public Safety category for Channel 8's "On the Beat" show featuring the Broomfield Police Department.

Broomfield's 2004 annual report, published through the Public Information Office and coordinated and edited by Rosann Doran, public information officer, won a first place award in this year's annual Colorado Press Women (CPW) communications contest and advanced to competition at the National Federation of Press Women (NFPW) where it received a second place award. The national award will be presented in September at the annual NFPW convention in Denver.

The *Broomfield on the Inside* magazine also won at the state level. In May, CPW awarded it second place behind the Denver University Magazine in the four-color external magazine category.

### **CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

Grant applications for Broomfield's annual Arts, Culture and Science funding program are due by 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 22, to the Cultural Affairs Division at One DesCombes Drive in Broomfield.

Schools, libraries and nonprofit organizations serving the Broomfield community may apply for 2006 funding budgeted at \$10,557. There

is no residency requirement, although local applicants will be given priority consideration. Funded programs must be presented in Broomfield in 2007.

Special consideration will be given to grant applications proposing innovative programs that support science, cultural diversity and/or the visual arts, as well as Broomfield's cultural master plan, *Creative Broomfield*. Requests for general operations funding, capital campaigns, grants to individuals, and trip and event sponsorships will not be considered. Late applications will not be accepted.

Arts, Culture and Science grant applications meeting the program criteria will be reviewed by the Broomfield Cultural Council in October. Recommendations for funding will be submitted to the Broomfield City Council for review and approval in November. Grants will be awarded in December for use in 2007. Final reports on how funds were used will be due from grant recipients by March 1, 2008.

A copy of the *Creative Broomfield* master plan, as well as the 2006 grant application, may be downloaded from [www.broomfield.org/cultural/](http://www.broomfield.org/cultural/). For more information about the Arts, Culture and Science funding program, phone 303.464.5835 or 5829, or email [azimmerman@broomfield.org](mailto:azimmerman@broomfield.org).

### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)**

- **Child Care Quality Expansion Grant:** After reviewing the needs assessment completed in the fall of 2005, HHS decided that Child Care Quality Expansion Grant funds would best serve both in-home providers and childcare center providers. HHS issued 10 Quality Improvement mini grants and three Quality Rating grants.

Four centers and six family home providers were awarded mini grants. Grantees can use the funding for improvements like "Hooked on Phonics" reading sets, playground equipment, staff training, health and safety equipment, etc.

Two centers and one family home provider were awarded Quality Rating grants.

- **Child Care Summit:** The sixth annual Child Care Summit will be Oct. 14 at the Broomfield Senior Center's Lakeshore Room. This event provides a full day of training to early childhood educators. It is free to Broomfield residents. Snacks and meals will be provided.
- **Post-adoptive Parents of Teens Discussion Group:** HHS and the Boulder County Department of Social Services are collaborating to offer an informational and supportive discussion group to post-adoptive parents of teens. Meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month at the Santiago Episcopal Church in Lafayette. There will be training sessions every other month. Stephenie Rivale, program coordinator for HHS, and Suzanne Daniels, adoptive family advocate for Boulder County, will facilitate the group.
- **100 percent rating:** The Vital Statistics Office at HHS received a congratulatory letter from the State Registrar regarding its recent, statewide audit. Broomfield was one of only seven counties to receive a 100 percent rating. The audits are a monitoring tool to improve performance and consistency in all offices. Confidentiality, security and appropriate issuance of vital records is not only required by statute, but is a critical service to the public.
- **Congratulations** to Holli Bowman, Colorado State University Cooperative Extension director and 4-H youth development agent, for winning two National Association of Extension 4-H Agents communicator awards. Her entries in "Exhibit/Display" and "News Story" were named state winners in April and were sent for judging at the regional level. Region winners will represent the 13-state Western Region at the nation level judging in June. Bowman's

"Published Photo" entry was also named a state winner.

Bowman is also currently awaiting results of the national judging of the Air Force Recruiting Salute Award. She was named the state winner of this award in March.

- **Public Health** nurses recently finished a school immunization audit of every school with a kindergarten class in Broomfield. The nurses checked immunization records of a random sample at each school to determine what percentage of children were up to date on their immunizations. The rate for Broomfield was 82.94 percent. For perspective on the significance of this immunization rate, most states look at up-to-date rates for two-year-olds, and the Colorado rate is 77 percent with a 2010 goal of 90 percent.

To increase the number of children who are up-to-date on their immunizations, the nurses will host an immunization dinner for Broomfield physicians and office staff to present the results. They will also present information to childcare providers at the Child Care summit in October and hold an immunization clinic at one of the elementary schools in Broomfield in conjunction with school registration in August. The Broomfield Rotary Club has agreed to help with these outreach activities.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Broomfield Police Department is hosting **National Night Out**, a community event, on Tuesday, Aug. 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Broomfield County Commons Park. Residents are invited to bring a picnic supper for their families and enjoy live music on the lawn. Bring a non-perishable food item to donate to FISH, Broomfield's local food bank.

There will be demonstrations, live music, free ice cream, drawings and prizes. Kids will be able to "Touch a Truck" with some of the city's large equipment, while parents learn about Broomfield's all-hazard preparedness.

**Police Department commendations** for the second quarter of 2006 were announced recently. Jason Collins and Brett Koppers were named Officer of the Year for 2005, and Alan Miller was named Employee of the Year for 2005. Enea Hempelmann was named 2005 Supervisor of the Year. Four individuals received Chief's Commendations. They were Patrol Officers Jeremy Ehrlich and Dan Ostrander for marijuana cultivation arrests, Ron Sigman of the Training Division for willingness, devotion and commitment to the department, and volunteer Gregory Thompson for his friendly, courteous, upbeat and involved service.

Also awarded were 10 Blue Chipper awards, 50 Community Service awards, three awards for educational achievement, two lifesaving awards, and eight Meritorious Service awards.

Firearms awards were given to 28 individuals who achieved Expert ranking, 17 for Marksman ranking, 28 for Master ranking and nine for Sharpshooter.

Overall, there were 281 awards recognizing outstanding service and performance, with 10 going to administration personnel, 32 to Investigations, 101 to Patrol, nine to the Training staff, five to Communications, 14 to Community Resources, 29 to Special Operations, 56 to Detention and 25 to volunteers.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

In March, Broomfield hosted an Incident Command System full scale exercise at the Detention Center. This exercise was developed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) and the Colorado Department of Agriculture to focus on testing an enhancing the state's Plant Health Emergency Management Plan.

The exercise tested response to a "discovery" of Emerald Ash Borer, *Agrilus Planipenni Fairmaire*, an exotic insect from Asia that has decimated millions of Ash trees in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and now Illinois.

With the possible spread of the borer to Colorado and other regions of the U.S., the organizers of the training felt using the Ash Borer as the invasive insect would provide a realistic application for the exercise.

Broomfield, along with USDA, APHIS, PPW and the state Department of Agriculture, participated in this exercise. Broomfield's participants were Tom Wells, city forester, and Chuck Gehringer, forester. They were active members of the command team, serving as logistics officer and lead evaluator, respectively.

Participation in this exercise was a valuable learning experience for all members of the exercise team. The full scale exercise allowed the team to practice and test its ability to respond to plant health emergencies and incidents using the Incident Command System in conjunction with the state management plans.

Lessons learned from this exercise will be used to enhance the local emergency response for agricultural pests and other emergencies that may arise.

### **RECREATION SERVICES**

The 2006 Colorado Fireworks tournament in Broomfield had 85 teams participate, the most ever. There were 73 teams from out of state. In six days, the teams played 382 games and used 13 fields in Broomfield. The final game for the 14 and under division just made it in under the wire with the storm that came in on the Fourth of July. The economic impact of the tournament included 550 room nights at the Omni Interlocken Resort Hotel, and the Hilltop Inn.

## At the Audi ...

### 'Around the World' this summer at the Amphitheater

This year's summer concert series is titled "Around the World." All concerts begin at 7 p.m. in the Broomfield Amphitheater in Community Park. If the weather is wet, concerts will move to the Auditorium next door.

On Wednesday, July 26, music lovers can come for Book 'em Danno, and August 2 for Pan Jumbies Caribbean world beat music.

#### More to come:

- Through Sept. 1, Lobby Gallery art show "**Summer**" by Colorado Artists Guild, the oldest fin arts organization in the Denver metro area. Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. and during listed events.
- August 2 at 2 p.m. **Wonderful Wednesday!** *Space Jazz* brings the wonders of the universe to young minds and hearts in a multi-sensory, interactive experience with awesome astronomical imagery, jazzy music, and a touch of humor to awaken cosmic curiosity.

AstroJazz singer and astronomer, Dr. Cherilynn Morrow, leads this fun and educational program. It's FREE!

- Friday, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 5, at 2 and 7 p.m. the Broomfield

Summer Youth Players present **Aladdin**. Tickets will be available at the door.

- Wednesday and Thursday, Aug 9 and 10, 7 p.m. FRIENDS of Broomfield present a **variety show**. All proceeds benefit Broomfield's developmentally disabled population. No reservations needed.
- Wednesday, Aug 9, 7 p.m. **The High Strung!** An energetic, care-free and Beatles-esque offering for general and especially teen audiences. Presented by the Teen Zone in the Young Adult Library.

### Quilters to return to the Audi

Save the date! The Aster Women's Choir will present the musical *Quilters* on Nov. 17 and 18 at the Broomfield Auditorium. Antique and contemporary quilts will be displayed in the lobby prior to the show, with a reception for the performers and quilters following the performance on Friday.

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

Information on tickets, directions to the Audi and year-round event information are also available at [www.broomfieldauditorium.com](http://www.broomfieldauditorium.com)

