



City & County Manager's Report

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TO: Mayor Stuart and the Broomfield City Council

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In Review

Xcel Energy repair work along Main Street

Xcel Energy has been working around the clock to replace the underground power line on the east side of Main Street that has caused outages this summer.

Broomfield Community Development staff has worked closely with Xcel to expedite permits and inspections to keep the project moving. Parks staff has been monitoring irrigation needs for the landscape restoration.

Work started Thursday afternoon, July 14, with utility locates, equipment and cable assemblage, and notice to adjacent homeowners. The then-anticipated

completion date of Monday, July 18, slipped due to another line failure. The anticipated completion at this writing was Saturday, July 23.

Xcel Energy has notified its customers in the area by telephone about the delay. Residents with questions or who may still be experiencing outages are urged to call Xcel Energy at 1-800-895-4999.

According to Xcel's most recent message, crews will continue work south from 120th Avenue on Main and Pierce streets to replace additional power lines after the Main Street work north of 120th Avenue is complete.

Departmental updates

CLERK AND RECORDER

Broomfield has received a grant from the Colorado Secretary of State in the amount of \$6,801.30. This grant will be used to purchase 35 voting booths that are modified to allow access by wheelchair-bound voters.

The grant money was made available through the 2002 Help America Vote Act. At least one of the new voting booths will be in place at every polling location by the November, 2005 election.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Tom Thompson announces retirement after 26 years of service

Tom Thompson, Broomfield's chief building official and longtime employee, has announced his intention to retire September 6, after 26 years with the city.



Thompson, 55, said he had been "pondering" his retirement plans for some time.

He was hired September 4, 1979 as a building inspector, was appointed to plans analyst in 1980 and promoted on March 16, 1983 to Chief Building Official, a post he has held ever since.

In announcing his retirement, Thompson said, "I have a lot of pride in the accomplishments and work effort of the Building Division over the past 26 years. A lot of departments do not get the opportunity and challenge that we have had.

"Our work on FlatIron Crossing, various high rise buildings, the jail and nursing homes presented unique and diverse challenges to our staff... We were able to provide all building code enforcement services in-house with our well-trained staff." In his resignation, Thompson returned the compliment, writing, "I appreciate very much the support given me and the Building Division during my tenure. I have always felt the City Manager's Office and City Council have supported a strong building code enforcement program and I have enjoyed the opportunity to build a professional team to accomplish this goal."

Thompson was responsible for all facets of building code enforcement for Broomfield, as well as staffing, training, budget planning and administration.

Professionally, Thompson has been involved with code issues nationally through his active participation in the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO). He has been a regular attendee at code development meetings since the early 1980s. He served on the ICBO Board of Directors from 1989 to 1997 and was elected chairman of the board in 1996.

He has also served on the Board of Directors for the International Code Council (ICC), and International Fire Code Institute. Early in his career, he became familiar with alternate materials and methods of construction while serving on the ICBO Evaluation Services Committee. He currently serves the ICC as a member of the Steering Committee for Code Councils, and as chairman of the Standards Council. He is an appointed ambassador for the Building a Safer World Foundation.

Thompson is a graduate of Colorado State University with a BA in construction management. He also completed multiple certifications through ICBO,

Colorado Office of Energy Conservation and the Council of American Building Officials, among others. Thompson taught building code classes for Front Range Community College as an adjunct faculty member from 1993 to 2001. He has been a member of the ICBO and and ICC faculty since 1999. His students have included architects, engineers and contractors and code enforcement personnel. He is currently teaching online code classes for Red Rocks Community College and Trinidad State Junior College.

Volunteering outside of his work, Thompson served on the City of Golden's Planning Commission and on the Golden Volunteer Fire Department. He holds Firefighter I and II certifications. Thompson also served in the U.S. Army as a commissioned officer, earning the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Commendation Award.

Thompson, a sportsman, plans to spend time traveling, skiing, golfing, hiking, hunting and fishing. He also looks forward to spending time with his three grown children and his dog, Buster, who is already enjoying more of Thompson's company. Thompson also looks forward to new challenges with a new part time job as Director of Building and Safety of the Colorado division of Sunrise Engineering, a Utah firm.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

CSU Cooperative Extension: Holli Bowman, Colorado State University Cooperative Extension Director, has presented two 4-H programs to children enrolled in the Camp Explorer Recreation Program. One topic covered chemical changes, with hands-on activities for the kids. The second involved a GPS unit along with a scavenger hunt.

On August 2, individuals who attended the June CSU 4H planning meeting will take a tour of the Adams County Fair Exhibition Hall. The event is in conjunction with Family Fun Night at the Fair.

The last Garden Tour and discussion by CSU Master Gardeners will be September 29. The topic will be "Putting the garden to Bed," and will center around preparing for Winter. The tours are at the xeriscape garden at 1 DesCombes Drive.

Senior Center: The Broomfield Community Center will be closed from August 22 through August 26 for renovations. Senior Services will be cooking and delivering Meals-on-Wheels, but will not be serving lunch. Easy Ride Senior Transportation will continue to take reservations and serve clients' mobility needs.

The Senior Center office will be closed all week during the renovations. During the closure the offices will get new paint carpet, the billiard room will also get a fresh coat of paint and the wood floor in Lakeshore will be refinished. New furniture will be delivered. Also during the closure, IT will re-wire offices and meeting rooms and there will be a thorough cleaning of every room, including the kitchen. Reconstruction of the wheelchair ramp at front door will also be completed.

Families and Children: The Bay was reserved from 6 - 9 pm on Saturday, July 16, for the annual United Families (post adoptive program) social event for all members and their friends and families. Families purchased tickets which included admission, food, drinks and entry into a drawing for prizes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

At the spring awards banquet, 265 commendations earned during the second quarter of 2005 were handed out by Police Chief Tom Deland. By division, Administration earned six, Investigations 29, Patrol 90, Training nine, Communications five, Community Resources 23, Special Operations 32, Detention 49 and Volunteer 22.

Among the awards presented were 12 "Blue Chipper" pep awards, seven Chief's Commendations, 40 letters of recognition, four educational achievement awards, two life saving awards, and 21 safe driving awards. Dan Prochoda, who received the Top Gun award, was featured in a July 2 *Broomfield Enterprise* article, "Broomfield's Top Gun takes honor three years running," for his sharp-shooting prowess.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Rocky Flats Air Monitoring Station in Emerald Park to close by the end of 2005

Broomfield currently has an air monitoring station located in Emerald Park near Main Street that is

managed by the Rocky Flats Community Radiation Monitoring Program (ComRad). The ComRad program, funded by the Department of Energy, was implemented in 1990 to provide meteorological and radiological air monitoring in surrounding communities as clean-up activities were occurring at the Rocky Flats site.

Clean-up activities for Rocky Flats are scheduled to be completed this fall and the radiological air monitoring will no longer be necessary. Closure of the station and associated operations are anticipated to occur by the end of this year

PUBLIC WORKS FIELD WORK

Jet maintenance, video programs: Utilities and sewer maintenance programs for 2005 continue. The jet maintenance crew is currently cleaning sewer lines in the industrial area of the city, and the video inspection crew is currently inspecting sewer main lines that are associated with the 2006 waterline replacement program.

Video inspections: Recently completed is video inspection of 2,436 feet of line in preparation for 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.

Also finished is video inspection of 10,541 feet at Flatiron Marketplace and its GPS points.

Meter replacement: The Public Works Utility Division has finished replacing all Metron meters throughout the City and County of Broomfield. The Metron meters became unreliable and were high maintenance and have been replaced with city standardized Badger meters that provide use of the Itron radio read technology.

Replacement took place from October 2004 to July 2005. Originally anticipated to take 18 months to complete, the replacement program was completed 10 months early and has reduced multiple service work orders while providing Utility Billing with more accurate information. Replacement was done in-house by Broomfield's utility maintenance technicians.

Replaced were 37 inch-and-a-half meters, 43 two-inch meters, 26 three-inch meters, two six-inch meters and eight four-inch meters.

Environmental monitoring: During the summer, the Environmental Laboratory and Parks Department work together to monitor nine ponds located in the various parks and open space areas around Broomfield for water quality. Currently, the sampling staff is in full summer monitoring mode, observing conditions, making field measurements and collecting samples for laboratory analysis at least every other week.

Monitoring frequency is increased, if needed, to respond to a developing problem or evaluate any necessary corrective measures. The objective of the monitoring program is to provide information to help manage the ponds to minimize odors, protect fish, and determine whether additional maintenance or treatment are needed to preserve the ponds as amenities, fisheries, or wildlife areas.

RECREATION SERVICES

Mini Haha: The fifth annual Mini Haha Triathlon in June hosted 410 participants with over 50 hopefuls on a waitlist. Five years ago at the inaugural event, there were 144 participants.

This year, participants came from all over Colorado, New York, California, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Arizona. Adverse weather conditions and road construction Sheridan required an alternate route for the event, but it went on as planned.

Helping with the annual event were Engineering and Streets divisions and the Police Department.

The event was a financial success, with expenses at \$2,900 and revenues at \$10,100. This compares to first-year expenses of \$1,500 and revenues of \$2,800.

Fireworks Tournament: The Colorado Fireworks Softball Tournament the week before July 4 was the sixteenth consecutive year the event was hosted by Broomfield. There were 79 teams from 18 states and Canada participating. Another financial success, the tournament revenues were \$65,900 as opposed to \$42,975 in expenses.

Projected economic impact to the city amounts to \$1.192 million. This includes \$311,500 for room rentals, \$560,000 for meals for visitors over the five-day period and another \$320,000 for miscellaneous other expenses.

The tournament meant that **Parks Division** staff worked a total of 1305.5 person-hours during the week of June 28 to July 3 for this event. That entailed preparation of 13 fields, including fields belonging to Adams 12 and Boulder Valley schools, Holy Family High School and in city parks.

Rec staff members report that Parks crews went the extra mile painting red, white and blue on the foul line.

Parks crews aerated, fertilized and edged the lawns, softened and dragged the infields, put up temporary fencing, and made trash receptacles readily accessible for the initial effort. Then, they maintained the fields between games, touching them and collecting trash, and kept park areas in pristine condition for visitors.

FYI...

Peak water day: new record

One of the key aspects of Broomfield's water supply is how much water the system can supply in a single

day to meet the residential, commercial and industrial needs. This is known as a "peak day."

Currently, Broomfield's water system can supply as much as 33 million gallons of water per day. Until the

record high temperatures this year, Broomfield's previous peak day was 20.0 million gallons which occurred in July of 2001. On Monday, July 18^h, 2005, Broomfield experienced a new peak day of 20.4 million gallons.

Recycling Center to get new parking lot

The parking lot at Broomfield's Recycling Center has been scheduled to be reconstructed from August 1 to 14. Due to safety considerations during the removal of old asphalt and reconstruction of the site drainage and parking lot, the center will be temporarily closed during the project. Information about the closure has been sent to the *Broomfield Enterprise* and will appear on Channel 8 and the Broomfield Web site.

Residents are asked to drop off recyclables before August 1, or wait to resume recycling after August 14

The tree limb recycling drop-off will also be affected by this project. The site will remain open on Wednesdays 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but access to the site will be through the north gate on Industrial Lane only.

Due to visibility constraints, residents are urged to use extra care entering and exiting through this temporary access point. An extra traffic control person will be scheduled to work the Saturdays (August 6 and 13) to ensure safe access to the site.

This is a city project, not an EcoCycle project. The drop-off site is too small to allow for phased reconstruction and there is no safe alternate access to the drop-off. City crews will be working full time to move the project along quickly. If the project is completed before August 14, staff will re-open the center as soon as the project is completed.

Revenue focus

Sales tax performance

Through May 2005, year-to-date sales tax collected totaled \$14,996,001, a 9 percent increase over 2004 collections for the same period. The 2005 budget projected a 6.3 percent increase in sales tax revenues. The Flatirons area reported a 14.2 percent total increase during this period. FlatIron Crossing mall increased 1.5 percent, Flatiron Market-place 5.7 percent and Mainstreet increased 141 percent with the addition of the Wal-Mart Superstore.

Sales Tax receipts from the Broomfield Marketplace (King Soopers/ Miramonte Center) are down 11.7 percent (\$47,920) through May 2005. The shopping area continues to experience high vacancy.

	May-05					
	Month			YTD		
	2004	2005	% Chg	2004	2005	% Chg
Overall	2,879,412	3,270,365	13.6%	13,760,922	14,996,001	9.0%
Flatiron Crossing	1,015,771	1,037,474	2.1%	4,845,875	4,916,183	1.5%
Flatiron Marketplace	251,175	236,203	-6.0%	1,290,984	1,364,348	5.7%
Mainstreet @ Flatiron	123,380	311,071	152.1%	573,066	1,385,305	141.7%
Total Flatiron Retail	1,390,326	1,584,747	14.0%	6,709,925	7,665,836	14.2%

Looking ahead

Comprehensive Plan meeting

The next Comprehensive Plan town meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Broomfield Community Center, 280 Lamar Street.

Planned is a short presentation about the Comprehensive Plan update followed by an invitation for attendees to visit any or all of the topic tables.

The topic tables will contain detailed information about each topic area. Staff will be available at each table to answer questions.

It will be a party atmosphere and all are encouraged to give their reactions and ideas regarding the work that has been accomplished by the Comprehensive Plan Task Force to date.

Capital improvement projects

Sheridan Boulevard Update

What's happening?

- The utility contractor has completed the residential water and sanitary sewer service line connections from each of the 33 houses to the new water and sewer lines. The work went smoothly and the landscape contractor has completed the residential landscape repair. The utility contractor is completing the storm sewer and inlets in E. 18th Avenue. Once the E. 18th Avenue storm sewer system is completed, all utility installation work will be finished on the project.
- Colored, patterned intersection concrete work has just begun in the southwest quadrant of the Sheridan Boulevard/West 136th Avenue intersection. The concrete will be installed in quadrants beginning on the west side of the roadway.
- Belmire Landscaping has begun irrigation installation along the east side of the Sheridan Boulevard, north of E. 13th Avenue.

What's next?

- Asphalt Specialties, Inc. will begin curb, gutter and sidewalk replacement along the frontage road the week of July 17th. Asphalt Specialties' crews will also be completing the curb, gutter, and sidewalk "tie-ins" to the side street intersections at E. 10th Avenue, E. 12th Avenue, E. 14th Avenue, E. 18th Avenue, and Meadowbrook Drive.
- The contractor will begin the E. 13th Avenue intersection concrete immediately after the first quadrant in W. 136th Avenue is completed. The colored concrete work will require an intersection closure for the west half of the intersection at East 13th Avenue. After all the roadway work is completed on the west side, traffic will be shifted from the northbound lanes to the southbound lanes so that colored-concrete can be installed in the east half of the intersections at W. 136th Avenue and E. 13th Avenue.

Completion: The project is progressing on schedule. The four Sheridan Boulevard travel lanes and the frontage road should be completed by October 31. The landscaping work and the

decorative median concrete work will be started this summer and fall, but will not likely be completed until

the Spring of 2006.

Other projects

Westlake: The curb and gutter and sidewalk sections are currently being removed and replaced in Westlake. Once that is complete the asphalt will be removed and replaced with new asphalt in the roadway. The project is on scheduled and is expected to be complete by the end of October.

Interlocken: Two new left turns lanes are scheduled to be constructed between August and October near

the Flatiron shopping district. These should help alleviate the congestion for drivers turning left (west) from northbound Interlocken Loop into the Flatiron Crossing shopping district.

A second left turn lane will be added at Interlocken Boulevard, and a mid-block left turn lane will be added at Flatiron Boulevard.

At the Audi . . .

Summer 'six pix' of concerts nears end

The last two of the Broomfield amphitheater summer concert series "six pix" finish up this week and next.

The rain location is in the Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road.

Check them out --

CONCERT #5

Wednesday, July 27, 7 p.m. – Chris Daniels and The Kings

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

Final Concert: Wednesday, August 3, 7 p.m. – The Receders

Playing all kinds of funk'n' groovin' music, this five-piece band will get you on your feet with hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s!

Sponsors of this year's series are the City and County of Broomfield, SCFD, KEZW am 1430, Flatiron Crossing and the Yellow Scene.

- ◆ To get more details on the activities at the Audi, visit <http://www.ci.broomfield.co.us/cultural/eventsindex.shtml>

Coming in August at The Audi:

- Family movie series, Thursday, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. – *Mulan II*
- Annual summer production by the Broomfield Summer Youth Players. *Alice in Wonderland* on Friday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 13 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.



From the past

Then and now.....

The Zang summer home late 1800s near the orchard and reservoir...



and now more recently at 680 Poppy Way.

