



**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

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<b>Summary</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The report is a monthly summary of staff activities, projects and events.</li></ul>

<b>Prior Council Action</b>
N/A

<b>Financial Considerations</b>
N/A

<b>Alternatives</b>
N/A

<b>Proposed Actions/Recommendations</b>
N/A



# City & County Manager's Report

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## FYI ...

### **Water saving programs now in place**

The Environmental Services Division of the Public Works Department has announced two new programs to help Broomfield residents lower their water use during the hot and dry summer months.

The division has contracted with the Center for ReSource Conservation to provide free irrigation audits for Broomfield water customers. A rebate program has also been developed to help off-set the cost of replacing old fixtures with new water-efficient fixtures. Residential customers may qualify for rebates for high efficiency washing machines, toilets, irrigation nozzles and weather based irrigation controllers.



Commercial, Industrial and Institutional customers may qualify for rebates for high efficiency toilets, urinals, irrigation nozzles and weather-based irrigation controllers. The new program details, including irrigation inspection requests and rebate program rules and applications, are available now at [www.BroomfieldRebates.com](http://www.BroomfieldRebates.com).

### **Centers close for maintenance**

The Paul Derda Recreation Center and Broomfield Community Center annual closures are scheduled in August to provide a thorough cleaning to both buildings and maintenance that cannot be accomplished when the centers are open to the public. Top priority during the closures are to produce as little impact to patrons as possible. Closure days are as few as absolutely needed to accomplish the line items at hand, and buildings are closed one at a time, making one center available almost every day during the closure period.

Spreadsheets outlining staff responsibilities are in place. These include cleaning, painting and upgrading each center, most of the work scheduled for completion. Those items that have to be contracted are set up on a careful

schedule that coordinates with staff responsibilities taking place in the same areas. This streamlines conditions and safety for all personnel.

Patrons have been notified of the closures through the Broomfield Enterprise, B in the Loop, the Recreation eNewsletter, the website and signs at facilities.

The Paul Derda Recreation Center will be closed Monday, Aug. 20, through Sunday, Aug. 26. The front desk will be open for information, recreation pass sales and registrations Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please note that Studio A will be completely closed Friday, Aug. 17, through Sunday, Aug. 26, for wood floor refinishing.

The Broomfield Community Center will be closed Wednesday, Aug. 29, through Friday, Aug. 31. The pool will be closed Wednesday, Aug. 29, through Monday, Sept. 3. The Community Center front desk will be open for information and registrations Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### **'Green Thumb' is People's Choice**

Sutton Betti's sculpture "Green Thumb" won Broomfield's Choice Award, a new addition to the Art for Awhile art-on-loan program. The artist received a \$1,000 stipend for this recognition. Some of the comments made by patrons include "this piece has the brightest spirit," "it just makes me smile" and "it is modern and also has an old European feel".



### **Local hay helps livestock impacted by fires**



Dave Cameron, a local farmer who mows the Broomfield-owned Markel Open Space and then purchases the hay

from the city, recently donated the hay to help livestock impacted by the recent High Park fire. Cameron uses horses to perform the haying operation which is very unique and gives residents a glimpse back to Broomfield's heritage.

The Markel Open Space is located in the northeast corner of the intersection of Aspen Street and West 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

## Looking ahead

### **Spooktacular planning already under way**

Although the annual Halloween Spooktacular is not scheduled until Saturday, Oct. 20, at the 1STBANK Center in Broomfield, Recreation Services staff reports that work is under way to recruit Broomfield businesses to sponsor suites during the event.

At the Spooktacular, kids come dressed in costume to enjoy carnival games, jumping castles, wagon rides, crafts and entertainment. Upstairs, on the suite level, youngsters Trick-or-Treat from suite to suite, gathering goodies handed out by the sponsors who have decorated their suites in the Halloween spirit. Each year about 2,000 kids enjoy this event. Information and sponsor applications are found online at [www.broomfieldrecreation.com](http://www.broomfieldrecreation.com).

### **Broomfield Days this year – Sept. 14, 15**

Broomfield Days are Sept. 14 and 15 this year, and the annual community festival promises to be as big and fun as ever. This year, to recognize Broomfield's recent selection as a Playful City USA, Mayor Pat Quinn has declared Sept. 15 as Broomfield's first annual "Day of Play."

Broomfield Days is also an annual opportunity for local non-profit groups to raise funds. This signature community event offers an excellent opportunity for organizations to promote themselves.

The weekend begins with the annual David James Memorial Golf Tournament at 1:30 p.m. at the Broadlands Golf Course. Proceeds benefit senior programs. The shotgun, four-person scramble is \$85 for an individual, or \$340 per four-some. It includes green fees, cart, practice balls, box lunch, sleeve of balls, tees, and a great time.

At 7 p.m., the Broomfield Lions Club hosts its annual evening Bingo games in the Girl Scout Shelter in Midway Park.

Saturday, Sept. 15, is the big day, and activities are in Midway Park on both sides of Midway between Kohl and Laurel streets. The day starts at 7 a.m. with the annual

Lions Club pancake breakfast in the Girl Scout Shelter. The Optimist Clown Contest and the Rockin' Classic Car Show each start at 8 a.m. At 8:15 a.m., the Rotary 5K and fun run starts in front of the Fire Station. The annual Optimist Club parade steps off at 9:30 a.m. on Midway Boulevard and should reach the park by 10.

The annual duck races to benefit the Broomfield High School Orchestra begin at 2 p.m. in the drainage channel in the park, and the Best Dressed Dog Contest is at the Demonstration Stage at 2:30 p.m.

All-day activities include the Arts and Crafts Festival, Broomfield Chamber of Commerce Trade Fair, and food concessions and carnival choices. Concerts on the Main Stage during the day are Global Sound Studio's Academy of Rock performances from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the day wraps up with the annual free concert featuring the Nacho Men from 3 to 6 p.m.

The festival closes at 5 p.m. From 7 to 11 p.m. bingo enthusiasts get a last chance to win at the Lions Club Bingo, again in the Girl Scout Shelter.

There's something for everyone. Plan now to be there to tap into that terrific Broomfield community spirit!

*(Broomfield Days is a zero-waste event.)*

### **Master Gardeners' information tables**

Broomfield Master Gardeners wrap up their information tables at local garden centers this month.

The last day at Garden Country, 4181 West 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue, is Aug. 18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the last day at Home Depot, 12169 Sheridan, is Aug. 25, 9 a.m. to noon

Gardeners are invited to stop by to ask questions about gardening in general, soil amenities, plants, plant compatibility and more.

**At the Library**

**Sept. 6:** Author Dusty Saunders will talk about experiences recounted in his book, *Heeere's Dusty: Life in the TV and Newspaper World*. 7 p.m. Register at [referencedesk@broomfield.org](mailto:referencedesk@broomfield.org) or call 720.887.2350.

**Sept. 23:** Broomfield High School graduate and mystery author Janet Dawson returns to the library for an author talk at 2 p.m. The author of *Kindred crimes, Till the Old Men Die, Take a Number*, and more, has a new book coming out in September entitled *What You Wish For: A Novel of Suspense*. Register at [referencedesk@broomfield.org](mailto:referencedesk@broomfield.org) or call 720.887.2350.

**Sept. 24:** Colorado author and performer Daniel Blegen presents a one-hour lecture and mini-concert to commemorate Woody Guthrie's centennial year. The author of *Hard Travelin' – the Life and Songs of Woodie Guthrie* will begin at 7 p.m. Register at [referencedesk@broomfield.org](mailto:referencedesk@broomfield.org) or call 720.887.2350.

**Mark the calendar**

**Aug. 22:** Preschool Nature Walk, 9 to 10 a.m. Meet at the Commons Park Shelter for a walk with naturalists and learn about animal and plant life while having fun. Free.

**Aug. 29:** Jared Polis Town Hall meeting, 6 to 8 p.m. City Council Chambers.

**Sept. 8:** Paper shredding event, 6 Garden Center parking lot. 9 a.m. to noon.

**Sept. 20:** Dancing with the Broomfield Stars, 1STBANK Center, to benefit the Broomfield Community Foundation.

**Sept. 22:** Fishing at the Bay, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event is for children, ages 12 and under, accompanied by an adult. Bring fishing pole, hooks, and bait; trout are provided. Space is limited - 30 children for each time slot. Waiting lists are taken and additional times added if possible. There is no charge for the adults. There is a 2 trout limit. Pre-registration is required. For more information: 303.464.5530.

**Sept. 29:** Prescription Drug Take Back event for unwanted or expired prescription drugs (liquid or solid) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Norman Smith Service Center, 3001 West 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Participants are reminded that a donation of a non-perishable food item for a local food bank is greatly appreciated.

**At the 1STBANK Center**

- **Sept. 15:** Roller Dolls bout 5, 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 28:** Dispatch with Sleeper Agent, 8 p.m.
- **Sept 29:** Dispatch with Good Old War, 8 p.m.
- **Sept. 30:** Kellogg's Tour of Gymnastics Champions, 5 p.m.
- **Oct. 2:** Marilyn Manson with Rob Zombie, 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 6:** Sheryl Crow, 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 10:** New Order, 8 p.m.
- **Nov. 7-11:** Cirque Du Soleil Quidam

For tickets visit [www.tickethorse.com](http://www.tickethorse.com) or call 1.866.461.6556.

**Departmental updates ...****COMMUNICATIONS**

Broomfield has learned that entries into the annual National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) Government Programming Awards program will bring KCCB Channel 8 a first, second or third place award in each of the eight categories it entered. The finalist list was released late last month.

The award winners and their places will be announced at the annual NATOA conference in September in New Orleans.

NATOA is a professional organization formed in 1980 to support and serve the communications interests and needs of local governments. Members are individuals and

organizations responsible for - or advising those responsible for - communications policies and services in local governments throughout the country.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)**

**Public Health** – The first week in August was World Breastfeeding Week. Each year, this time has been designated to increase awareness and promote the benefits of breastfeeding for the infant, mother and the entire family. Broomfield's Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program joined with Broomfield La Leche League in the fifth annual World Breastfeeding Walk and Celebration. Saturday, Aug. 11. The free event began at Midway Park and included a stroller friendly walk, bouncy house, silent auction, and more.

**Vital Statistics** – Beginning Aug. 1, the state Vital Statistics Office requires that corrections made to birth certificates will only be done at the State office and can no longer be done at local county offices. Birth certificates are still available in Broomfield at the Central Records Office, 1 Des Combes Drive, or at 6 Garden Center.

**Workforce Center** – In July, two hiring events brought 29 attendees. Colorado Fair Share Alliance was seeking to fill 25 positions and Corestaff was looking for 40 employees. There were four Job Club events in July. On July 10, the subject was “Experienced Workers,” and 26 attended. On July 17, “Making Your Goals Stick” brought 23. The July 24 “Interviewing Skills” attracted 32, and the July 31 topic, “30 Mistakes” brought 21.

### **MUSEUMS**

- Eight volunteers from Broomfield's two museums are taking a two-class series, with homework, on developing museum exhibits. Volunteers will be visiting a museum and evaluating an exhibition based on what they are learning.
- The Mountain Plains Museum Association awarded Broomfield volunteer Katie Allan a scholarship to attend its annual conference this October in Corpus Christi, Tex. The scholarship, given to an emerging professional, includes a travel stipend. Allan has a Master Degree in history and a background in archival work. She is also known around Broomfield as the head coach for the Recreation Services summer track program.
- The Denver Art Museum donated several cases from one of its recent exhibitions to the Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum.
- The Broomfield Rotary Foundation awarded the Broomfield Depot Museum, through the museum's 501c3, a grant for photography equipment. Museum staff and volunteers will use the camera and lighting system to digitally photograph artifacts in the collection as part of the cataloguing process.

### **RECREATION SERVICES**



The new Recreation Program Brochure for Fall and Winter offerings has been released and sent out through B-in-the-Loop. A print version has been mailed to Broomfield residents who participate in recreation programs. The new brochure features Broomfield's distinction as a Playful City USA, on the front cover and throughout the brochure.

### ***Special events:***

- Recreation Services is teaming up with the Children's Health Advocacy Institute, a partnership between Children's Hospital Colorado and United Healthcare, to bring *Bikes for Life* to Broomfield on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The free event will teach children important bicycle safety lessons and pique their interest in healthy lifestyle habits. Kids are invited to bring their own bikes and to enjoy a "Bicycle Rodeo" obstacle course in the Broomfield Bay parking lot. Bicycle safety instruction will be provided, and additional booths of everything "bicycle" will make the experience enjoyable for all who attend.

- Recreation Services participated in the National Night Out on Aug. 7 with a booth featuring various recreation offerings that encourage safe and healthy lifestyles in Broomfield.

**Mini Mini Haha** – The second annual Kids' MiniMini Haha Triathlon scheduled Sunday, Aug. 19, is designed like the annual adult triathlon – the Mini Haha – held each year in June. Specifically, it's "MiniMini because it's extra short for kids, and Haha, because it's fun.

This is a non-competitive event to encourage kids to be active and healthy, and to make exercising fun, rewarding, and a life-long activity. The MiniMini will not be timed to enable every child to feel successful and positive about exercising so they will participate in future, more competitive events. Participants will be honored for their participation and accomplishing their goals.

The Mini-Mini HaHa involves swimming, biking and running in that order. Participants start by swimming in the Community Center indoor pool. then bike and finally, run or walk on paths through neighborhoods, to the finish line at the Bay Aquatic Park. Those ages 6 to 8 will swim 25 yards, bicycle a mile and run a quarter mile. Those 9 to 11 will swim 50 yards, bicycle 2 miles and run a half mile. Those 12 and 13 will swim 100 yards, bicycle 4 miles and run a mile.

**Gymnastics** – Coaches from Broomfield Gymnastics and area high schools took 31 high schoolers to a four-day camp in Vail July 29 to Aug. 1. During this camp, gymnasts honed their skills for the upcoming high school gymnastics season. The camp included many hours in the gym, and ended with white water rafting.

Last week, Broomfield offered the first annual "Go for the Gold" Gymnastics Camp for those ages 4 to 12 years.

Participants had fun in the Gymnastics Center at the Paul Derda Recreation Center, on the zip line, jumpy castle, balance beam, trampoline, uneven bars, hoops, balls, and vault. On the last day, parents came to the camp to watch the special gymnastics show their kids worked on during the camp. Enrollment was high for this first-time camp, with seven groups of eight participants each.

**Marketing** – Through the cross-marketing arrangements between Broomfield and the 1STBANK Center, Recreation Services gave away 200 tickets for upcoming Denver Roller Dolls bouts to boost food donations for FISH, collected at the National Night Out on Aug. 7. The theme was "Help feed a family in our community and then take yours to a Denver Roller Dolls bout." When people attending the event brought food to donate, they received Roller Doll tickets on a first-come, first served basis.

## At the Audi ...

### *In the gallery...*

The Broomfield Days poster entries continue on display to Aug. 21 followed Aug. 31 to Oct. 5 with selections from the Broomfield Photography Club.

The gallery is located in the lobby of the Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road.

Gallery hours are Thursdays 2 to 6 p.m. and Fridays 2 to 5 p.m., Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. and during auditorium events.

### **Mark the calendar:**

**Aug. 18:** "Journey through Folklore and Fairytales" by Dance Showcase, 6 p.m. Tickets: \$10 general admission from [info@ccacolorado.com](mailto:info@ccacolorado.com).

**Aug. 25:** Cultural Affairs presents New Time Ensemble presenting an articulate tapestry from the rugged threads of Irish dance Tunes. Tickets available at the box office: \$10 adults, \$5 students, seniors.

**Aug. 30:** Danse Etoile Ballet presents "An Evening of Dance and Music, 7 p.m. Free.

**Sept. 5:** CU Jazz Concert Series begins with "Dream Dancing," the music of Cole Porter. 7 p.m. Free.

**Sept. 15:** An Evening of Sevdah: Azra Sings. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$40/\$20/\$10 from [www.azrasings.com](http://www.azrasings.com). Azra is joined by virtuoso accordionist Petar Teodosijev and the ensemble of Slavic polyphony singers. Other

accompanists are Meg York, clarinet; Brett Bowen, percussion; Bennet Cohen, bass; Boris Kaplanskiy, piano; Mark Brissenden, gajda; and James Hoskins, cello.

**Sept 29:** Boulder Chamber Orchestra presents "Azra Sings." 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 adults, \$18 seniors, \$12 students. Call 303.58e.1278 or visit [www.boulderchamberorchestra.org](http://www.boulderchamberorchestra.org).

### **Enlightenment Journeys return with Naomi Hoshino Horii**

Broomfield Cultural Affairs is bringing the "Enlightenment Journeys" series back, beginning with *Music and Manifestation* by Naomi Hoshino Horii, teacher, intuitive and healer. The date is Saturday, Sept. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Eisenhower Room at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library, 3 Community Park Road. The event is free.



In this multi-dimensional program, participants will learn to go beyond perceived limits of the mind and how to access the infinite ways of knowing.

Horii leads spiritual tours to the Casa of Dom Inacio in Brazil where the healer, John of God, is based. She enjoys manifesting miracles through music and sound, and other media. Horii will present a session for manifestation and share some magical musical toning.

