



# City & County Manager's Report

August 22, 2006

**TO: Mayor Stuart and the Broomfield City Council**

**FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager**

**FYI**

## **HHS, FISH to participate in statewide homeless survey**

FISH of Broomfield and Broomfield's Health and Human Services (HHS) Department will participate in a statewide homeless count on August 28 and 29 in Broomfield to help state government understand the causes of homelessness. The survey will gather information to help in statewide planning efforts concerning the allocation of resources, and in creating public awareness that homelessness may be a statewide concern.

In Broomfield, all individuals who meet the federal HUD definition of "homeless" on the evening of August 28 will be asked to participate in this anonymous survey so that accurate counts are on record for the city.

Volunteers will be at FISH during the day Tuesday, Aug. 29, to accept calls and conduct the survey by phone to those homeless Broomfield residents who call in (303-465-1600). It is critical that all individuals residing in Broomfield who meets the HUD definition of "homeless" by the evening of August 28 participate in this anonymous survey to insure accurate counts.

HHS staff will be available at 6 Garden Center, in the second floor Broadlands conference room, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. that day to assist any individual wishing to

complete the survey in person. Survey information may also be collected at other locations throughout Broomfield, including the Detention Facility, Broomfield Police Department, the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library or by faith-based organizations.

Anyone who may know of homeless Broomfield residents is asked to contact Sharon Farrell at 720-887-2257 or Jan Hamilton 720-887-2279 for more information.

Homelessness includes individuals who are:

- living in transitional housing,
- being evicted within seven days and have no other place to go,
- homeless prior to short term hospital or institutional stays,
- incarcerated and to be discharged within 30 days with no place to live,
- fleeing domestic violence with no place to go, or
- staying, temporarily, with friends, family, in a car, shelter, outside, receiving hotel vouchers, etc., because there is no other place for them to stay.

It has been 17 years since a statewide homeless count was conducted. In January 2006, The Metropolitan Denver Homeless Initiative conducted a Point-In-Time

Homelessness Survey through the seven county Denver metro area, including Broomfield, to determine how many homeless individuals are living in the Denver metro area. Based on the responses, there were 74 individuals identified as being "homeless" in Broomfield. Of those persons identified, 33 were under the age of 12; 58 were households with children; 26 were living temporarily with family/friends and 29 were living in time-limited housing.

### ***U.S. 36 Transportation Management Organization (TMO) director resigns***

Earlier this month, word was received from Ken Hotard, chair of the U.S. 36 TMO's executive committee, that Denise Balkas has submitted her resignation as TMO executive director to pursue an economic development position in Wheat Ridge, effective mid-August.

### ***Mosquitoes with West Nile Virus detected in Broomfield***

Colorado Mosquito Control (CMC), the city's mosquito control contractor, reports that data received last week indicates that the mosquito populations in Broomfield remain very low, but it appears that the West Nile Virus is

migrating south and east from Longmont and Boulder. Three mosquito pools in Broomfield tested positive for West Nile Virus in samples taken during the week ending August 11.

The Broomfield trap pools that came back positive were located in Anthem, Broadlands and the Zuni Detention Pond. More traps were set out last week, and more data is expected this week. CMC advises that it appears the virus is working its way south. Loveland has had positive pools for several weeks now, and Longmont (19) and Boulder (14) are seeing quite a few positives as well.

None of the other cities has taken any special precautions. They are all in a wait-and-see mode. To be pro-active and conservative, Broomfield staff asked CMC to fog Broadlands Golf Course and the area around Coyote Ridge Elementary School even though the numbers are low (only 14 mosquitoes trapped). Since school starts next week, it is advisable to knock them down now. CMC had already sprayed Zuni because there were 116 mosquitoes in that trap. Broomfield is in a wait-and-see mode on the Anthem trap results (only 13 mosquitoes trapped, but positive). If they are positive again this week, regardless of the count, the area will be fogged as well.

## Looking ahead

### **Candidates for governor debate**

Colorado's Republican and Democrat candidates for governor will square off on the issues of growth, transportation and education at an Aug. 28 breakfast debate at the Westin Westminster. The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) will co-host this event with the Metro North Chamber of Commerce.

The debate takes place from 7:30 to 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 28. Advance registration and payment for the event is required by Wednesday, Aug. 23. For more information

or to register call the Metro North Chamber at 303-288-1000, ext. 824.

### ***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,

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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.

### Immunization Clinics

Broomfield Health and Human Services (HHS) offers vaccines at Immunization Clinics on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 6 Garden Center. Children up to 18 years of age who do not have medical insurance or whose insurance does not cover vaccines can receive immunizations for a nominal fee. Call 720-887-2220 to schedule an appointment!

### Members sought for Tobacco Coalition

The HHS Public Health Division is recruiting coalition members to assist with tobacco prevention and control.

Community members will hold conversations around the tobacco use in Colorado.

An informational meeting is scheduled Thursday, Sept. 21, from 6 to 7 p.m. at 6 Garden Center, in the second floor Broadlands conference room. Dinner will be provided and there will be a free gift to those who join.

Anyone who is interested should RSVP to the HHS Tobacco Program, 720-887-2276.

## Capital improvement projects ...

### *Street projects abound 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. The 2006 street reconstruction managed by the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Division includes:

- **Daphne Street** from Eagle Way north to Cedar Court. Work began the week of July 17, beginning with the water pipeline installation. 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 began the week of July 17. Eagle Way will be overlaid from Main Street to Emerald Street.

The water pipeline work for Eagle Way and Daphne Street, from Eagle Way to Miramonte Boulevard, has been completed.

Eagle Way has been milled in anticipation of the asphalt overlay, scheduled for August 19. Daphne has been milled and concrete replacement is on-going for both Eagle Way and Daphne Street.

Broomfield High School has requested that Eagle Way be overlaid after August 18 and prior to August 24 due to pre-registration of students. The contractor is able to accommodate the request by paving Daphne Street from Eagle Way to Miramonte Boulevard on August 17 and 18, and Eagle Way on August 19.

Due to an increase in concrete replacement quantities, a schedule extension has been granted. This will only affect work on the section of Daphne Street, north of Miramonte Boulevard, which is not adjacent to the high school.

### ***Sheridan pedestrian underpass at Highland Park***

The east side of the underpass continues to take shape as some of the concrete trails have been poured. The stone masonry is going up around the hand railing pilasters and

decorative walls and underpass lighting is currently being installed. The contractor has begun construction of the west-side retaining walls.

The project is proceeding on schedule.

## **Departmental updates ...**

### **CLERK AND RECORDER**

#### **2006 Primary Election Report**

Not surprisingly, the turnout for the August 8 Primary Election was low. Unofficial results show only 12.81 percent of Broomfield voters cast ballots. The low turnout was largely because there were no contested races on either the Democrat or Republican ballot.

Over 2,600 voters chose to vote absentee for this election while 254 showed up for early voting. Just over 500 voters visited the new vote centers. The Broomfield Senior Center was by far the busiest single location, serving 221 Election Day voters.

Election staff will be conducting the post-election audit and election canvass on Wednesday, Aug. 16. Election results are expected to be completed and made official at that time.

### **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER**

As part of their new duties as passport acceptance agents, the Citizen Assistants helped identify a passport applicant using fraudulent information. The CACs felt the identification the applicant presented was falsified, so CAC Claudia Korn completed the Acceptance Agent Observation Checklist and sent it in. She is recognized in the June-July "Passport News" regional newsletter.

### **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)**

**Health Promotions Unit:** Broomfield's third annual World Breastfeeding Week luncheon was August 3 at the Lakeshore Café. The luncheon celebrated breastfeeding and was open to all Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) clients interested in breastfeeding, or who are currently breastfeeding. Over 50 attended, including women, infants, children and their circle of support.

The event successfully offered support and encouragement from peers within WIC and the WIC staff who continue to promote all of the healthful benefits of breastfeeding to moms and babies.

Donations from FISH, PDRC, and local area businesses helped make this event a success.

**Workforce Center:** The Broomfield Workforce Center, with Workforce Boulder County, will host the second annual business breakfast forum for the Broomfield/Boulder business community on Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Omni Interlocken Resort hotel from 7:30 to 9 a.m. The event will feature Richard Wobbekind, Ph.D., of the University of Colorado, Business Research Division and Leeds School of Business.

Wobbekind will give a current assessment of the state of the economy in Colorado and the local Broomfield/Boulder area. Broomfield and Boulder Workforce are holding this event as part of as Workforce Development month.

There is no cost to attend the event; however, Broomfield Workforce Center is encouraging people to register early as seats are limited. Call 303-464-5894. A continental breakfast will be provided prior to the presentation.

**Senior Services:** The Senior Center's **Art Cart** received the 2006 Outstanding New Service award at the annual Colorado Association of Senior Centers Conference recently at the Buck Recreation Center in Littleton. Suzanne Bazinet, senior services supervisor, worked with volunteers to make this new service in Broomfield a reality.

Funded by Senior Resources of Broomfield, Inc. (SRB), and built by the Senior Woodshop volunteers, the *Art Cart* has helped over 24 local senior artists display and sell their handcrafted works of art. The Colorado Association of Senior Centers, a division of the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association, presents awards annually to recognize organizations, individuals, and volunteers who help older adults live a longer, better quality life.

The art cart creates a place for seniors to sell their hand-made arts and crafts, raises the self-esteem of the senior community by creating a sense of fulfillment and accomplishment, creates new volunteer opportunities and increases community traffic through the center as a destination for shoppers

Volunteers include Joe Weibel, Wayne Burt, Jim Sparks, Lee Wolfe, Bill Snyder, Sally Huffman, Wanda Hughes, Shirley Lund, Shirley Steward.

**Health Division:** Patti McHardy, nurse administrator, has won a poster contest with her "*Lessons from the Field: Broomfield Health and Human Services' Mass Vaccination Drill.*". The poster has been accepted for presentation next month at a Public Health conference at the Vail Cascade Hotel and Resort in Vail.

McHardy's entry was selected from approximately 109 submissions for oral and poster presentations. Poster presenters are required to be at a poster session **Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 2:30 p.m.**, to answer questions from conference attendees.

**RECREATION SERVICES**

The Silver Sneakers® senior fitness performance numbers continue to grow:

***Paul Derda Recreation Center***

Month	Jan.	Feb	March	April
<b>Enrollment</b>				
Active Enrollees	565	587	613	506
New Enrollees		22	26	
<b>Participation</b>				
Participants	391	403	427	417
Non-Participants	174	184	186	89
Percent Retention	69.2	68.7	69.7	82.4
Average visits per participant	7.1	6.7	6.8	5.9
<b>Total Visits</b>	<b>2764</b>	<b>2718</b>	<b>2894</b>	<b>2480</b>

***Broomfield Community Center***

Month	Jan.	Feb	March	April
<b>Enrollment</b>				
Active Enrollees	519	529	554	392
New Enrollees		10	25	
<b>Participation</b>				
Participants	259	262	266	256
Non-Participants	260	267	288	136
Percent Retention	49.9	49.5	48.0	65.3
Average visits per participant	6.2	6.2	6.5	5.8
<b>Total Visits</b>	<b>1578</b>	<b>1634</b>	<b>1719</b>	<b>1497</b>

**Senior Games**

This year nine Broomfield Seniors won awards representing Broomfield Recreation Services and the City and County of Broomfield at the **Rocky Mountain Senior Games in Greeley**, June 21-25.

The results are:

- Jack Tanner (80-84 year old division): gold in the 36 hole golf tournament

- John Clymer (65-69 year old division): gold in the 3 on 3 basketball tournament, gold in the 50 meter dash, silver in the leg press (500 lbs), bronze in the free throw contest, and bronze in the table tennis tournament.
- Jack Clouser (70-74 year old division): fifth place in the Texas Holdem' tournament, seventhplace in the foot ball throw, and seventhplace in the soft ball throw.
- Lois Buse (75-79 year old division): gold in the 36 hole golf tournament, gold in the singles golden bowling tournament, gold in the doubles golden bowling tournament with partner Barb Klatt, and fourth place in the mixed doubles bowling tournament with partner Skip Patience.
- Marian Seder (70-74 year old division): gold in the 400 meter run (2min.09.26sec.), gold in the 10k run (71min.49.16sec.), gold in the 5k run (32min.54.96sec.), gold in the 100 meter dash (28.37sec), silver in the long jump (6'4"), and silver in the high jump (2'7").
- Juliet (Jay) Lockhart (65-69 year old division): gold in the 18 hole golf tournament.
- Shirley Laudenschlager (70-74 year old division): gold in the 18 hole golf tournament.
- Esther Larsen (80-84 year old division): gold in the 36 hole golf tournament.
- Nila Brummund (65-69 year old division): fourth place in the 18 hole golf tournament.

***Broomfield medalists -***



**Rocky Mountain Senior Olympic Basketball tournament puts Broomfield in the TV news**

This year's Rocky Mountain Senior Olympic Basketball tournament put Broomfield in the news when women from a Texas team were interviewed in the Broomfield High School gymnasium recently on Denver's Channel 4.

This year, 36 teams competed in the games in 19 women's and 17 men's teams. Of the 36, 18 were from Colorado. Other states represented were Arizona, California, Nebraska, Nevada, Illinois, Louisiana, and New Mexico.

The tournament age groups are in five-year increments: 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, and 75+. The oldest competitor was 83 years old. She played on the gold medal 75+ team from San Diego.

Two teams from each age group qualified to compete in the National Senior Olympic Basketball Games next summer in Louisville, Ken. The exception was the 75+ division which only had one team qualify,

The competition was friendly but fierce. The 217 senior men and women basketball players proved that they still "Got Game" as they hustled and scraped, playing 3 on 3, half-court basketball in two full days of competition in Broomfield high school and middle school gyms.

The tournament social at the Broomfield Community Center on Friday night brought 240 seniors for dinner, dancing and entertainment.

The next Rocky Mountain Senior Olympic Basketball tournament will be in 2008, the every-other-year qualifying event for the national games.

**Active Adult/Senior programs:** So far this summer, 18 went to the Shambhala Mountain Center, 22 to hear the Dallas Symphony Orchestra in Vail, 49 took a casino trip, and 22 participated in Supper Club.

**Athletics:** In the Colorado Association of Recreational Athletes (CARA) track program this summer, 350 participated, compared to 257 last year. In CARA tennis, 80 participated, compared to 56 last year. Also 332 people took tennis lessons through the tennis program this summer, compared to 230 last year.

**Gymnastics:** At the CARA state gymnastics competition July 28 and 29, the Broomfield Flyers qualified 35 competitors. The Flyers had 17 gymnasts place first through sixth in their events at the competition.

**State Results: Girls**

Level	Gymnast	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All Around
4	Ashley Fleming		3		5	5
4	Sydney Faust		6			
4	Mary Dartez		4			
4	Savannah Albright		6			
4	Brianna Miller		3			
4	Kayla Baker	6	2	4	1	1
15	Taylor Tomassilli	5	3	3	1	1
5	Kaley Vittoria		6	6		5
5	Nora Forrestal		2			4
5	Brianna Polson		3	6	7	2
Opt.	Christine Williams	4		5		
Opt.	Ashley Wolfe	5				
Opt.	Meagan Osgood				4	
Opt.	Adelina Segura			6		
Opt.	Kayla Semp		4			
Opt.	Natalie Hansen	6				
Opt.	Laura Medina	3	2	1	4	1

**Therapeutic Recreation:** A team of 15 individuals with special needs participated in the Regional Special Olympics Softball Tournament in July and were awarded a ribbon for third place.

Two golfers with special needs participated in the Regional Special Olympics Golf Tournament in July and placed first in the division.

Therapeutic Recreation successfully finished its first-ever Hip-Hop Dance Class with 10 participants.

**Youth and Teen programs:** Summer Camp provided fun for 2,316 kids in the month of

July. Bowl-a-Rama, a program featured in the Broomfield Enterprise, has 16 kids. Teen Adventure went to "Venice on the Platt" with seven.

Alive at 25 needed to run two classes to serve the 44 people who signed up in July. Tech activities had 142 kids in July. Young Rembrandts had three successful junior classes, and Youth Pottery was full.

## At the Audi ...

### 'CU in Broomfield' begins September 6

This year's CU in Broomfield concert series begins at 7 p.m. Sept. 6, with "Keep it Cool! The Cool Jazz Era." This free program brings performers from the CU College of Music to Broomfield.

The next performance is "Jazz of Latin America" on Wednesday, Oct. 4, followed on Nov. 1 with "Art of the Jazz Trio" and Dec. 6 with "Hard Bop Tribute."

#### **More to come:**

- Through Sept. 1, the Lobby Gallery art show "**Summer**" is by Colorado Artists Guild, the oldest fine arts organization in the Denver metro area. The gallery is open Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. and during listed events.
- From Sept. 1 through Nov. 3, the Arvada Art Guild's Fall Show will hang in the Lobby Gallery during scheduled events.
- Upcoming Audi concerts are Friday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m. **17<sup>th</sup> Avenue All Stars**; Sunday, Sept. 24, **St. Martin's Chamber**

**Choir** performing "Love Songs and Twilight."

- Down Stage Left Productions offers "This Blood's for You," a play by David Christie, on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 29 and 30. Performances are: Friday, 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m.

### **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)

