



City & County Manager's Report

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TO: Mayor Stuart and the Broomfield City Council

FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

In Review



Kids enjoy summer fun Broomfield-style!

The 2005 Camp Explorer ended its season this month giving children a safe, secure, and overall fun place to be during their summer vacation, courtesy of Recreation Services.

Camp Explorer takes up to 120 kids a day, ages 5 to 12 years old. There were 182 enrolled in Camp Explorer, and during the season, with kids attending various sessions, this translated into 4,626 camper days!



Departmental updates

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Cultural Affairs:

Highlights for the first six months of 2005 include:

- Cultural Council completed 2005 SCFD funding recommendations and proposed new city funding process to City Council.
- Public Art Committee chose its first project (art benches) and consulted with parks, recreation and open space committees and staff.

- Winter Series sold out its last concert featuring Irish band, Colcannon.
- Summer Series expanded to six outdoor concerts (June-August).
- Fall Series expanded to eight concerts highlighting various jazz styles.

In addition, so far in 2005

- Auditorium rental income exceeds the projected FY05 amended budget by 4 percent.

- The Maruko student delegation was hosted by the Auditorium with a summer concert and Karaoke night.
- Summer Youth Players generated largest audiences to date with 'Alice in Wonderland' play (three performances).

Recreation Services:

- On July 29 and 30, 32 participants from the Recreation Services gymnastics program competed in the Colorado Association of Recreational Athletes (CARA) state gymnastics competition at Overland High School.

Participants had to qualify at the regional CARA meet by placing among the top six in their events.

Broomfield CARA gymnasts brought home four first place, five second place, two third place, eight fourth place, five fifth place and four sixth place awards.

- **Problem solved:** A common goal of all Recreation Services staff is to proactively provide a friendly environment for patrons.

Through feedback from patrons and employees regarding the birthday party reservation system at the Paul Derda Recreation Center, staff determined that the system in place since the center opened was not very customer-friendly.

Pricing was confusing for patrons and difficult for staff to explain. In addition, the previous requirement to charge for every person coming to the party slowed down the group on entry, and delayed the start of the fun!

After review, packages were developed that charged for group sizes "up to" various numbers, simplifying entrance procedures. The new package pricing has received good response from the public on the simplicity of the new process and gets high marks for affordability.

- Recreation Services displays "Customer Feedback" forms at the front desk of all facilities to collect suggestions and feedback. One comment recently received says, "All the people greeting us are friendly, enthusiastic, helpful and kind. Thanks for always brightening our day!"

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

- U.S. Congressman Mark Udall sent Karen Beye, HHS Director, a letter of recognition for Peggy Hastings, outreach coordinator for her work with a homeless couple and their five month old baby. Udall's letter said Hastings' work exemplifies the integrated services model of "one stop service" for Broomfield families. She worked with public health, social services, and not for profit community organizations to insure that the family's immediate needs were met.
- Broomfield Senior Services received an award recently at the Colorado Association of Senior Centers (CASC) conference for its Freedom to Ride senior transportation program. This annual award has provided the Broomfield Senior Center with statewide recognition. A plaque is on display at the center.
- The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program celebrated World Breastfeeding Week from August 1-7. All WIC moms that have breastfed, are breastfeeding or are planning to breastfeed their babies were recognized during the week for making an important decision that benefits everyone. Breastfed babies have fewer allergies, less respiratory illness and are overall healthier babies, so taxpayers save money when moms choose to breastfeed.
- On August 3, The Health Promotions Unit held an informative kickoff event for the Broomfield Thriving Communities Initiative at the Chateaux. The event was attended by over 40. Attendees from the kickoff have volunteered to partner with the Health Promotions Unit to form a collaborative group. This group will work to strategically create a plan for action in the promotion of healthy eating and active living within the Broomfield Community. The plan will be submitted for consideration for implementation funding this December.
- Frank Schoengarth, manager of Self-Sufficiency and the Broomfield Workforce Center, has been piloting an initiative at the Broomfield Detention Center that provides inmates with resources and skills to increase self-sufficiency and decrease recidivism. Inmates are informed of core services

provided by the Workforce Center and of other resources available to them upon release.

- Carla Stadnyk, an instructor for Health Sciences at the College of the North Atlantic, teaching in Qatar, sent compliments recently to Gary Hague, environmental health specialist at HHS, for his presentation at the National Environmental Health Association conference recently.

Hague discussed the creation of a new county utilizing the integration model. The presentation was titled "Integration: a new approach in environmental health."

Stadnyk wrote: "You did a fantastic job in your presentation. I was pleased to see all the amazing work you and your team has done in this amalgamation. Your work has simplified the bureaucratic process that happens when dealing with any government agency. I am sure that your public is greatly pleased and supports the efforts of your team. I wish you all the best with this new amalgamation!"

"...as I am currently working in the Middle East in Doha, Qatar and have limited access to good information, I would like to use some aspects of your presentation in my class room. I feel that your presentation has a great overview of all the different agencies that Environmental Health would interact with. I will be able to show the Qatari students all of the different agencies that they could come in contact with in their daily travels in Environmental Health."

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Over the week August 7-14, the average daily population at the Detention Center was 67.4 -- 59.9 men and 7.6 women. The highest population was 78, which occurred on August 13. There were 14 weekenders.

Crime Report: The Broomfield Enterprise of August 13 featured a front-page headline reflecting the mid-year crime report: "Report shows 5 percent decrease compared to 2004 – Serious crime continues decline." Police Chief Tom Deland commended the entire department for its work in making the decreased serious crime possible.

Meth Sweep: Another article in the August 17 Rocky Mountain News reports that Broomfield participated,

with the North Metro Drug Task Force and other federal, state and local agencies, in a "meth sweep," the first of its kind in the north metro area.

Authorities raided 20 suspected meth labs and found evidence of a lab at 19 Evergreen St. in Broomfield. After a search of the home, Lee Michael Arnett was arrested on suspicion of manufacturing methamphetamine and possessing chemicals, glassware and equipment for the drug's manufacture. He was taken to the Detention Center.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

In March, the Wastewater Treatment Facility opened a dump station for residents with recreational vehicles and those who store motor homes and camping trailers in Broomfield. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m., Memorial Day through Labor Day.

The "RV Lifestyle" conjures up many images, but it wouldn't be a "lifestyle" if not for the convenience factor that accompanies life in a moving home, especially in the bathroom or kitchen. Just like in homes, people need a place to dispose of wastewater.

This service has been greatly appreciated by the community as RV dump stations are becoming fewer and fewer in the area. The Wastewater Treatment Facility issued 329 RV dump station permits as of August 11. The permit assists staff in ensuring facility security and the protection of the public's investment. It also provides a means of public education and a tool to track customer satisfaction in providing this service.

The permit application asks for name, address, telephone, vehicle license plate number and registration information. It also includes frequently asked questions.

In the application, users are informed that, to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Broomfield and to provide maximum public benefit, a condition of the permit is the authorization of a duly authorized officer or agent to inspect the RV to ascertain whether it is in compliance with applicable ordinance rules and regulations related to the discharge of wastewater to the Wastewater

Treatment Facility. Users agree to the terms and conditions of the permit when they sign the application.

Revenue focus

Flatiron Crossing

Sales tax revenues from Flatiron Crossing have shown a steady increase since its opening in August of 2000. Year-to-date revenues are on track to realize another good year in 2005 with the seasonal sales in November and December.

Property Tax Collections

As of July 31, property tax collections were \$78,716,782, or 98.61 percent of the total due.

This amount was distributed to the 47 authorities that Broomfield bills for. The balance remaining on the real estate and mobile home tax accounts will be addressed at the Tax Lien sale on November 10, 2005.

The Senior Property Tax Refunds will be issued by August 31, 2005 to approximately 950 qualified seniors.

Flatiron Crossing Mall Date Opened: August, 2000 Broomfield Sales Tax Receipts			
Year	Total	Revenue Share (Debt Payment)	Retained by Broomfield
		per agreement	
2001	\$12,370,513	\$5,571,853	\$6,798,660
2002	\$13,191,481	\$5,658,458	\$7,533,023
2003	\$13,236,702	\$5,967,161	\$7,269,541
2004	\$13,902,513	\$5,972,412	\$7,930,101
Total	\$52,701,209	\$23,169,884	\$29,531,325

Cash management and investments update

The table below outlines total cash and investments held by Broomfield as of June 30, 2005, with comparative balances as of December 31, 2004.

During the six months ended June 30, 2005 Broomfield has increased the total cash and investment balances by \$8.2 million. This increase is, mainly, due to the collection of property taxes during the first half of the year. As of June 30, approximately 73% of the total property taxes expected as 2005 revenues have been collected.

As the year progresses, these funds will be used to fund operations in the funds that utilize property tax revenues as a source of funds (General City Fund, Streets, Library, CIP, General County Fund and

Human Services).

The increase in the portfolio yield as of June 30, compared to the yield of the portfolio at December 31, reflects the changes in the bond and investment market during the past six months.

City and County of Broomfield Cash and Investments				
Investment Description	June 30, 2005		December 31, 2004	
	Book Value	% of Total	Book Value	% of Total
Cash	\$ 6,426,785	4.41%	\$ 10,506,175	7.64%
Money Market/Investment Pools	52,928,351	36.29%	44,002,634	31.99%
Certificates of Deposit	300,000	0.21%	599,585	0.44%
Investment Portfolio	75,576,277	51.82%	71,665,606	52.09%
Total Managed Funds	\$ 135,231,413	92.73%	\$ 126,774,000	92.16%
Other Investments	10,598,208	7.27%	10,779,215	7.84%
Total All Funds	\$ 145,829,621	100.00%	\$ 137,553,215	100.00%
Yield at Book Value	3.5128%		3.0450%	
Weighted Average Maturity	32.98 months		38.60 months	

Broomfield's portfolio yield of 3.51% continues to outperform yields of local government investment

pools (3.02%).

FYI . .

Centers close for maintenance

To keep the Broomfield Community Center and the Paul Derda Recreation Center in top shape, maintenance activities have been scheduled in August. To minimize inconvenience to patrons, the closures have been staggered.

The Broomfield Community Center will be closed from August 21 to 28, and the Paul Derda Recreation Center from August 29 to September 1. Passes to either facility will be honored at both during these closure dates.

Maintenance to be conducted includes:

- Deep cleaning and painting repairs as needed in both facilities.
- Swimming Pool cleaning and repairs.
- Floor refinishing in Lakeshore and fitness rooms at the Broomfield Community Center and studio rooms at the Paul Derda Recreation Center.

- Senior center offices re-carpeted and painted.
- Re-painting billiards room, Kiva Room, fitness and weight rooms at the Community Center and
- Inspection and repair of all equipment at both facilities.

These closures have been publicized in the summer brochure, the Broomfield Enterprise, on the Web page, and in the recreation e-newsletter.

Trail easement approved

Boulder County Commissioners approved the trail easement for the Ridgeview Trail project in July. Staff is working to coordinate the final provisions of the easement agreement and design details with Boulder County staff. If all goes smoothly with the Boulder County and Army Corps of Engineers permitting processes, trail construction could start this fall.

Looking ahead

Fall household hazardous waste drop-off event

Residents of Broomfield will have an opportunity in October to dispose of household hazardous waste in an environmentally responsible manner. The fall Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-off event will be Saturday Oct. 15, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Norman Smith Service Center.

Appointments are required to participate in the event to help alleviate traffic congestion problems and allow staff to pre-screen waste.

Unacceptable items include commercial waste, prescription drugs, medical waste, radioactive waste or explosives. Ads for the HHW event will be in the Broomfield Enterprise, on Channel 8 and on the Web

page. Appointments can be made by calling 303-438-6336.

In addition to this opportunity, Broomfield residents have free access year-round to the regional Household Hazardous Waste drop off facility in Boulder. A local drop-off event is also scheduled each spring.

Josh's Pond project

Staff will receive comment from Broomfield residents at a public meeting Wednesday, Aug. 24, regarding the proposed Josh's Pond Rehabilitation Project.

The project, proposed for winter 2005, will involve dredging the decaying vegetation from the bottom of the pond to decrease odors, improve water quality

and prevent fish kills. The public meeting begins at 6 p.m., and will be in the Zang's Spur Conference room at the City and County Building.

On August 15, Information packets were delivered to residents within 500 feet of the project area and those on the Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee mailing list. Information regarding the project is also posted on the Web site.

Workforce Center partners in breakfast forum

The Broomfield Workforce Center will partner with Workforce Boulder County to host a business breakfast forum for the Broomfield/Boulder business community on Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Omni Interlocken Resort 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.

His presentation will include a discussion on the economic outlook forecast for Colorado as well as the Broomfield/Boulder area local economy.

Broomfield and Boulder Workforce are hosting this event as part of Workforce Development Month during September. This event and other workforce events statewide will celebrate "E3" – Employment, Education and Economic Growth. There is no cost to attend the event, but attendees should register early

as seats are limited. To register, calling 303-464-5894 or go to at www.wfbc.org.

A continental breakfast will be provided prior to the presentation.

Broomfield officers to participate in Tip-A-Cop fundraiser

On Friday, Aug. 26, Broomfield Police Officers will trade in their handcuffs and badges for serving aprons at the Red Robin in FlatIron Crossing as part of a state-wide "Tip-A-Cop" program, which raises money and awareness for Special Olympics Colorado and the Denver Broncos Charities Fund.

During the eight-hour event from noon to 8 p.m., Police Officers will collect tips from restaurant guests and the proceeds will be given to Special Olympics Colorado and the Denver Broncos Charities Fund. The Denver Broncos Charities fund will match a portion of the proceeds raised and grant back to Special Olympics Colorado.

Officers also will be joined by Special Olympics athletes. Special Olympics Colorado provides year-round training and competition in a variety of Olympic sports for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Today, there are more than 7,400 active Special Olympians in Colorado, with a variety of specialties, including skiing, bowling, gymnastics, and cycling.

Capital improvement projects

Sheridan Boulevard Update

What's happening?

- All utility work is complete including the side street storm sewers and inlets.
- Frontage road concrete replacement is underway. The frontage road median curb and gutter is complete and Asphalt Specialties is currently removing and replacing the west side curb, gutter and sidewalk adjacent to the homes north of E. 13th Avenue.
- Colored, patterned, intersection concrete work has been completed in the west halves of the E. 13th and W. 136th Avenue intersections. The east half of the intersections will be completed after the frontage road and side-street tie-ins are paved and traffic can be switched to the southbound lanes.

- Colored-patterned concrete (splash apron) along the west side of the roadway median has begun south of W. 136th Avenue.
- Belmire Landscaping is installing irrigation along the east side of the Sheridan Boulevard.
- Sturgeon Electric is wiring the street lights.

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 (2006).

Open Space

The Field: Trail construction on The Field - Phase 2 (the southeast quadrant), started the week of August 1. Construction includes a network of trails, picnic areas with landscaping, overlooks which will incorporate public art, and native seed.

Broomfield County Commons: Work has begun on the first phase of the open space improvements.

The contractor mobilized on site in mid-July. The grading of the area to the south of the athletic fields

is progressing. Two of the trail culvert crossings have been completed. The bridge crossings are underway. The trail locations have been staked and the grading will commence at the end of August. Barbed wire fence is beginning to be removed from various locations on the site.

Residents are being asked to pay attention to signage in the area for their safety.

At the Audi . . .

CU jazz faculty, Hot Tomatoes dance orchestra open fall 2005 jazz series

Starting September 7 and ending December 14, area jazz fans will have eight opportunities to hear popular Colorado jazz artists and scholars performing the music of jazz greats at the Broomfield Auditorium.

For the first time since its debut in 2003, the Fall Jazz Series will include simultaneous concert series featuring two evenings of jazz performances a month, September through December, on selected Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m.

This dual concert series is sponsored by Jazz 89 KUVU public radio (celebrating its 20th year), the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), University of Colorado at Boulder College of Music and *The Yellow Scene* entertainment magazine.

CU in Broomfield-The Art of Jazz

Broomfield's Cultural Affairs Division and the University of Colorado at Boulder College of Music will co-present the "CU in Broomfield-The Art of Jazz" concert series on the first Wednesday of each month.

Featured are members of the CU jazz faculty discussing and performing various styles of jazz music the first Wednesday of each month. These special one-hour-plus performances are free, family-friendly and fun for all ages. Seating is available on a first-come basis.

- September 7, 7 p.m. - My Favorite Things

Members of the CU Jazz Faculty Combo perform some of their favorite pieces, featuring Brad Goode (trumpet), John Gunther (saxophone), Dave Corbus (guitar), Pat Bianchi (piano), Mark Simon (bass), and Paul Romaine (drums).

- October 5, 7 p.m. - Tribute to Oscar Peterson

Jazz pianist Pat Bianchi presents an evening of tribute to the legendary Oscar Peterson and his trio joined by fellow CU jazz faculty members Paul Romaine (drums), Dave Corbus (guitar) and Mark Simon (bass).
- November 2, 7 p.m. - The Bossa Nova

John Gunther, saxophonist and newest CU jazz faculty member, leads an evening of music first made popular through the collaboration of Stan Getz and Antonio Carlos Jobim, featuring Dave Corbus (guitar), Mark Simon (bass), and Paul Romaine (drums).
- December 7, 7 p.m. - Miles of Music

CU jazz faculty members Brad Goode (trumpet), John Gunther (saxophone), Pat Bianchi (piano), Mark Simon (bass), and Paul Romaine (drums) guide the audience through a retrospective on the music of Miles Davis performing compositions from different stages of the artist's career.
- September 16, 7 p.m. - Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra – the most sought after swing band on the Front Range, this nine-piece band performs a diverse and upbeat array of jazz that gets audiences of all ages dancing. Tickets: \$7-16
- October 14, 7 p.m. - Queen City Jazz Band| One of the most recognized revivalist jazz bands in the country, this seven-piece Dixieland band has thrilled audiences for more than 45 years with the great sounds of the 1920s jazz era. Tickets: \$7-18
- November 18, 7 p.m. - After Midnight Jazz Band The region's best small swing combo specializes in Benny Goodman's favorite combo sounds of the 30's and 40's, mixing old standards and modern spice with clarinet and vibraphone. Tickets: \$7-13
- December 14, 7 p.m. – Denver Municipal Jazz Band Holiday Benefit Help families in need and hear the great sounds of the Denver Municipal Jazz Band as they play old favorites including “In the Mood” and Woodchopper’s Ball” along with new sounds and seasonal songs. Admission: One can of food per person or cash donation; proceeds benefit the Broomfield food bank.

The Best of Big Band Jazz

Four more concerts will feature the best of Dixieland, swing, blues and holiday hits performed by some of Colorado's most popular jazz ensembles.

The 2005 series kicks off the annual community event, *Broomfield Days*, on September 16 and ends with a special holiday fundraiser on December 14.

Information on tickets, directions to the facility and year-round event information are available at: www.broomfieldauditorium.com or by calling the Cultural Affairs Artsline at 303.469.3301 ext. 7999.

