



# City & County Manager's Report

August 26, 2008

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

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

***Don't forget!***

## **Broomfield Days Sept. 19 and 20**

**Sept. 19:**  
Golf Tournament – Eagle Golf Course  
Lions Club Bingo – Girl Scout Shelter

**Sept. 20:**  
Community Festival all day  
in Midway Park

## **FYI**

### ***Public Works staff lends help after Windsor tornado***

For two days in July, Broomfield's Public Works staffers helped the Windsor Forestry Department clean up in the wake of the tornado that hit the northern Colorado town on May 22.

On the first day, Certified Arborist/Forestry Senior Technician Chuck Gehringer, Seasonal Specialist J.J. Seggelke and Seasonal Worker Beau Maddox traveled to Windsor to assist with restorative tree pruning and damaged tree removal.

Gehringer pruned two Green Ash trees that were approximately 60 to 70 feet tall. He completed the work from Broomfield's bucket truck. Segelke and Maddox were his ground men who unroped and chipped branches, raked up debris, and used a blower to clean up the street, yards, and sidewalks. They used Broomfield's chip truck and chipper.

The next day, the three helped Windsor's Blake McGrew, certified arborist and forestry technician, and seasonal worker Benny Archebeque remove a Plains Cottonwood tree approximately 70 to 80

feet tall. This was a technical removal because power lines were running through the tree and the tree was close to a residence.

This particular tree took all five workers all day to remove. McGrew was in Windsor's large bucket truck cutting sections of the tree, and the others were rigging down large branches, chipping, and cleaning up the street, yard and sidewalk.



## ***Rocky Flats Council begins decision process on restoration project***

At the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council (RFSC) quarterly Board of Directors meeting Aug. 4, Stratus Consulting, a contractor for the Rocky Flats Natural Resources Board of Trustees, provided a presentation to outline the schedule for the Request for Proposals (RFP) for restoration of natural resources injured by contaminant releases at Rocky Flats.

There is \$4.5 million available to restore, replace, or acquire the equivalent of "injured natural resources." The RFP will have three stages before a final decision is made in spring of 2009.

DOE gave RFSC a briefing on plans to notch some of the interior dams at the Rocky Flats Site that are upstream of either terminal ponds A-4 or B-5. The terminal ponds are the last control point before water is discharged into Walnut Creek which flows into Broomfield's Great Western Reservoir. Notching of the interior dams will allow water to flow naturally into the terminal ponds that control and contain surface water before it is sampled and released off-site.

Ponds A-4 and B-5 are Broomfield's last measure of defense to prevent contamination from leaving the site. The current Department of Energy (DOE) schedule has proposed to notch the terminal pond dams in 2018. DOE has also proposed to notch the dam of the Present Landfill Pond in 2012. Water from the landfill pond is released into No Name Gulch and eventually flows into Walnut Creek.

A technical meeting to address notching of the interior dams and the concerns regarding the communication process for Rocky Flats activities was held on August 20.

DOE provided a briefing of the Rocky Flats quarterly report. Information for the first quarter of calendar year 2008 included site activities for surface water monitoring, groundwater monitoring, corrective actions for the Solar Pond Treatment Unit and Original Landfill, ecological operations, site operations, and proposals to revise surface water standards.

In other Rocky Flats activities, Broomfield continues to work with the Rocky Flats Museum to ensure the preservation of the site's history, cleanup records, and historical documents. Broomfield also continues to work with the Fish and Wildlife Service to support the refuge.

The next Rocky Flats Stewardship Council meeting will be Oct. 6, at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (formerly Jefferson County Airport) Terminal Building.

## ***Police report serious crime down in first six months of '08***

Reports of serious crime are down 12 percent for the first six months of this year when compared to the first six months of 2007, according to Police Chief Tom Deland.

The decrease in 2008 follows a 13 percent decrease for all of 2007 and a 15 percent decrease in 2006.

<b>First Six Months</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Homicide	0	0
Rape	2	4
Robbery	5	2
Aggravated Assault	10	11
Burglary	79	39
Larceny/Theft	541	509
Motor Vehicle Theft	33	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>592</b>

## ***Public Health spotlights Live Well activities for schools, restaurants***

Broomfield Health and Human Services' LiveWell Broomfield will be contacting schools with an invitation to partner to promote coordinated school health. Specifically, LiveWell Broomfield promotes healthy eating, active living through assisting Broomfield schools. LiveWell Broomfield is equipped with school wellness resources to help schools enhance their efforts toward improving school wellness.

Notable benefits include:

- pro-health attitudes and behaviors endure
- students, teachers and the community learn that they can work together and achieve a higher level of health and well being
- student academic performance advances.

LiveWell Broomfield is actively working on coordinated school health efforts to make

Broomfield schools among the healthiest in Colorado.

Other areas of LiveWell Broomfield's current efforts are:

- Broomfield businesses, promoting worksite wellness
- Broomfield childcare providers, promoting increased physical activity, improved nutrition and best practices
- Smart Meal Seal Program for Broomfield restaurants
- Older adult wellness at selected lower income sites

LiveWell Broomfield is currently inviting restaurants to participate in the Smart Meal Seal program. The Smart Meal Seal was created by the Department of Public Health and Environment,

the Colorado 5-A-Day task force and the Colorado Physical Activity and Nutrition Program to establish nutrition requirements specifically designed for restaurant meals.

Restaurants can showcase those entrees that are lower in fat and include components such as beans, whole grains, fruits and vegetables by highlighting them with the Smart Meal Seal. Many restaurants all over Colorado are making the decision to offer healthier choices for their customers. Participating restaurants are then regularly promoted statewide and with special advertising campaigns during the entire year.

Live Well Broomfield is picking up the tab for professional menu item analysis free of charge to Broomfield restaurants.

## Looking ahead

### **Coming to the Event Center:**

**Oct. 2, 8 p.m.:** Grammy Award winning Mexican performer and international superstar Luis Miguel is bringing his *Cómplices* Tour 2008 to the Broomfield Event Center. Tickets went on sale Saturday, July 19 at [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com), all Ticketmaster outlets, the Broomfield Event Center box office and Rancho Liborio grocery stores.

As one of the most popular singers in Latin American music, Luis Miguel is commonly referred to as "El Sol de Mexico (The Sun of Mexico)." His latest album *Cómplices* was released on May 6 and includes 12 new songs from famous Spanish composer Manuel Alejandro.

*Cómplices* is his first album of new material in five years. Powered by the first single, "Si Tú Te Atreves," the album debuted at #1 on the sales charts in Mexico, Argentina, Spain, Chile, Colombia, Peru and the U.S. The album also debuted at #1 on the *Billboard* Latin Album chart, which made Luis Miguel the artist with the most #1 Latin albums to date.

**Oct. 4, 3 p.m.** – also coming to the Event Center is the 2008 Tour of Gymnastics Superstars presented by 9News. See Shawn Johnson, Morgan Hamm, gymnasts straight from the 2008 Summer Games and members of the "Magnificent Seven" including Shannon Miller. Also watch live

performances by Walt Disney Records and Hollywood Records artists Jordan Pruitt and KSM. Tickets are on sale now.

**Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m.** – Weezer, presented by AEG Live, will perform with opening acts Angels and Airwaves and the Tokyo Police Club. Tickets went on sale Friday, Aug. 15 at [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com), or by calling 303. 830.TIXS, at Ticketmaster outlets and the Broomfield Event Center box office.

**Oct. 12, 6 p.m.** – The Music Builds Tour featuring Third Day and Switchfoot, also with Robert Randolph and Jars of Clay is presented by *Live Nation*. Tickets are on sale now at [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com), 303. 830.TIXS, at Ticketmaster outlets and the Broomfield Event Center box office.

**Oct. 22, 7:05 p.m.** – It's the Rage home opener against in-state rival the Colorado Eagles. Come out and support the "home team" and watch hockey at its finest. Call 303-439-RAGE or visit [www.RockyMountainRage.com](http://www.RockyMountainRage.com) for info on season tickets, mini plans and fan experience programs.

Also visit [BroomfieldEventCenter.com](http://BroomfieldEventCenter.com) for more information on upcoming events and ticket information.

## Capital projects ...

### Broomfield Heights Alley Improvement Project, Phase 1A and 1B

This project includes the reconstruction of the alleys located behind the homes along Midway Boulevard from Main Street to Kohl Street. The construction of all three alleys is substantially complete. The contractor has some minor punch list items to perform.



*This photo was taken looking east from West 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Drive.*

### Cottonwood and Pinion Parks Drainage Improvements

This project will eliminate the existing Opatril irrigation ditch that bisects Cottonwood Park and Pinion Park in the Westlake subdivision. The ditch is no longer used, and portions of the ditch will be filled in to make these public parks more usable for recreation activities. The existing 4-foot and 6-foot sidewalks that run north-south through the parks will be replaced with an 8-foot concrete trail. Design was completed in early January 2008, and Council approved a construction agreement with Tarco, Inc., on May 27.

The Opatril irrigation ditch has been filled and Tarco, Inc., is preparing the trail subgrade for concrete placement. Construction is anticipated to be complete by September 1, 2008.

**Note:**

Sod installation and final site restoration will be completed once the new irrigation systems are installed in Cottonwood and Pinion Parks with the 2008 Citywide Irrigation Replacement Project.

### 2008 Waterline Replacements and Re-use Waterline Installations

The 2008 Waterline Replacement and Reuse Waterline Projects were approved by City Council at the February 12, 2008, Council Meeting.

#### Waterline Replacements:

The contractor, BT Construction, Inc., and Utility staff worked together with the residents and Homeowner's Association of Gate'n'Green. This segment has been completed.

Construction continues on Sheridan Boulevard from Highland Park Drive, south to West 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The main line will be completed and then the east-west waterlines to the neighborhoods (Highland Park and Country Vista) will be disconnected from the old Sheridan waterline and connected to the new line. Work is expected to be completed this month.

Once all the connections are completed, the excavation will be compacted and the area will be patched with new asphalt. This section of Sheridan will receive a hot applied chip seal coat.

The following is a summary of the project status:

<u>Segment</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Status</u>
East 14th Avenue	Domestic	Completed
Scott Drive North	Domestic	Completed
Scott Drive South	Domestic	Completed
Sheridan Blvd (Highland Park to 120th)	Domestic	In process
Burbank Street	Domestic	Scheduled to begin in August
West 144th Avenue (Sheridan to Lowell)	Reuse	Nearly complete (testing)
Sheridan (West 144th Avenue - north)	Reuse	In process

#### Reuse Waterline Installation:

The directional drilling of the 12-inch reuse waterline along West 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between Sheridan and Lowell Boulevards, is in progress and all five sections of pipe have been installed.

The contractor will be starting to test the line in August.

The directional drilling for the 24-inch reuse waterline along Sheridan Boulevard, north of West 144th Avenue, is complete. The pipe segments need to be connected and the line tested which is scheduled for September. Restoration work along Sheridan Parkway will be ongoing.

The 24-inch open cut section of the reuse waterline, along Glasser Reservoir and the east side of the Wildgrass development, has been installed with the exception of a segment that Broomfield is currently working to obtain an easement for.



### **2008 Street Reconstruction and Waterline Replacement**

#### **Aspen and Bellaire Courts**

On April 22, 2008, City Council approved a construction agreement with Concrete Express, Inc., for the 2008 Street Reconstruction and Waterline Replacement Project that will include Aspen and Bellaire Courts and the Westlake Subdivision.

While Concrete Express was working on the storm line in East Midway Boulevard, which will collect the drainage from Aspen and Bellaire Courts, a utility conflict with Xcel Energy was found in Midway Boulevard. The storm sewer can not be completed until the electrical conduit is relocated. Xcel began work the week of August 4 to correct the utility conflict in Midway Boulevard. The

contractor will complete the work immediately thereafter so the storm sewer construction can be completed.

Staff and the contractor are currently waiting for Xcel to complete its work. The project schedule will be revised if needed after Xcel Energy completes its work.

### **Westlake Village Subdivision - Clay Place, West 133<sup>rd</sup> Circle, West 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and West 135<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

On April 22, 2008, City Council approved a construction agreement with Concrete Express, Inc., for the 2008 Street Reconstruction and Waterline Replacement Project that includes Clay Place, West 133<sup>rd</sup> Circle, West 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, and W. 135<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the Westlake Subdivision, as well as Aspen and Bellaire Courts.

Due to utility conflicts and the construction delays in Aspen and Bellaire Courts, Concrete Express began work in the Westlake Village Subdivision in mid-July, which was earlier than originally anticipated. The same crews are now working concurrently in both Aspen and Bellaire Courts and in Westlake.

Concrete Express has completed all water pipe work in Clay Place and is working on concrete replacement for the street reconstruction. The water pipe work in W. 133<sup>rd</sup> Circle is in progress. The contractor plans to begin concrete replacement in W. 133<sup>rd</sup> Circle and water pipe work in W. 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue the week of August 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **West 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Sheridan to Aspen Street / Aspen Street from West 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the north edge of the Aspen Creek Subdivision**

These two projects are contiguous and were proposed to be constructed simultaneously; therefore the projects have been combined.



The project completes the West 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue roadway section on the north side, and completes the Aspen Street section on the east side. No new travel through-lanes will be constructed.

Construction has commenced along West 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue with the first phase of utility relocation work. Xcel, Comcast and Qwest will be moving

overhead and underground facilities to the north edge of the new road right of way. The road construction project was bid and will be presented to City Council for approval on August 26, 2008.

Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-September.

## Departmental updates ...

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Videos of the July 4 festivities will be online and televised on Channel 8 during September. Broomfield Days activities will be shown online and on Channel 8 during October. A segment on the Mini HaHa Triathlon has been online and on Channel 8 since Aug. 1.

Staff hosted the Aug. 20, 2008 quarterly meeting of the Colorado Government Webmasters in the Zang Spur Conference Room. The keynote presentation featured the Town of Windsor's System Administrator and Webmaster, James Griess, who spoke about his Web and IT role during and after the May 22 tornado that hit Windsor. The Colorado Government Webmasters has members from Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska working for cities, counties, state and special districts.

### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Public Health** - On Saturday, Oct. 4, a free educational event will address children's wellness emphasizing nutrition, exercise, teen autism, safety, child advocacy, and a green environment.

The event will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in multiple locations: Broomfield Community Park, the Auditorium, and the Community Center, and Mamie Doud Eisenhower Library.

The event includes a Walk4Kids hosted by Olympic Gold Medalist Frank Shorter. Other highlights include kids' cooking classes, educational family wellness programs, teen autism resources, teen photovoice project, child advocacy expert panel, a Children's Wellness Art and Essay Contest, live music with The Jakarta Band, HeartSmartKids screening, posture screening, yoga, and golf. Espo's Gelato will be passed out in the park.

Afternoon activities will include a bone marrow donor drive dedicated to Amanda, a 10 year old Broomfield resident with aplastic anemia who is in need of a bone marrow transplant. Many community partners including local businesses, the Broomfield Rotary, and community members have united to support the vision of this event. Register by September 22.

To learn more about this event or to register, please visit <http://www.healthylearningpaths.org/whatsnew.html>.

**Family and Children's Services** - The Mental Health Center serving Boulder and Broomfield Counties and Broomfield HHS will offer Nurturing Parenting from Aug. 27 through Dec. 17.

This is a 16-week program on Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Broomfield Community Center. These free parenting classes teach parents about infant and child brain development, nurturing routines, effective disciplinary methods, ways to build self-confidence and self-esteem in children and how to recognize and understand feelings.

Parents of children 5 and under are invited to apply for this free program. Infant and toddler care is provided free of charge to participants. To learn more or to apply for this program, contact Jeanne Franklin at 303.466.3007.

Volunteers are needed to assist with infant and toddler care during these classes. To volunteer, please, call Jamie Doerschlag at 720.887.2210.

The annual Child Care Summit will be Saturday, Oct. 18. The theme of this year's event is Think G.R.E.E.N (Grow, Recycle, Exercise, Environment, and Nutrition). The summit is

designed to support child care providers in the community and provide a full day of education and training. This year's event will raise awareness about the environment and the importance of making positive environmental choices.

Family home child care providers, child care center providers, parents, foster and adoptive parents, and professionals interested in the status of child care in Broomfield are invited to attend.

The cost is \$20 per person. Broomfield Public Health will provide immunizations and flu shots to registered participants. Immunizations are offered free of charge and a fee of \$10 will be charged for flu shots. For additional information and the registration form, visit

[http://www.broomfield.org/hhs/Family\\_and\\_Childrens\\_Services/2008childcaresummitbrochure.pdf](http://www.broomfield.org/hhs/Family_and_Childrens_Services/2008childcaresummitbrochure.pdf).

**HUMAN RESOURCES** – Volunteers are increasing through the Adopt-An-Area program administered by Human Resources. The department has worked with the Park and Street Maintenance divisions to secure community involvement in the program. Volunteers are asked to pick up litter at least once each quarter and to make a one year commitment to the selected park, street, open space or trail.

As of January 1, 2008, 22 of 97 areas were adopted. By Aug. 6, 41 of 102 areas have been adopted by individuals or groups interested in keeping Broomfield clean. HR will be increasing marketing efforts of the Adopt-An-Area Program this fall to recruit even more volunteers.

More information about adoptable areas and this program is available by calling 303.438.6324 or emailing [adoptanarea@broomfield.org](mailto:adoptanarea@broomfield.org).

### **RECREATION SERVICES**

Recreation Services participated in National Night Out sponsored by the Police Department on Tuesday, Aug. 5. Two gymnastics coaches helped participants walk across a balance beam (the "Bridge to Safety") where the successful little athletes received a Frisbee. The activity was a hit. Several participants with disabilities were able to walk the bridge with help from the coaches.

Climbing wall participants continue to increase, with 695 drop-in climbers. There were also 139 participation visits, up 17 percent from last year.

**Athletics** – Fun Day was the culminating event for Boys' Baseball program on Saturday, July 12 at Community Park ball fields. There were 644 participants. Activities included face painting, a dunk tank, "Slip and Slide" and inflatables. The 6 to 8 year olds played games from 8 a.m. until noon. Girls' Softball had its Fun Day on Saturday, July 26 also at the Community Park ball fields, with 294 participants. There were games from 9 to 12 noon for various age groups, with inflatables, "Slip and Slides" and face painting.

**Aquatics** – Registrations for the Fall 2008 Recreation Services season began August 15. Aquatics lessons and programs have been reorganized to fit patrons' requests obtained from post-class evaluations and suggestions from participants.

**Gymnastics** – The Broomfield Flyers Gymnastics Team chalked up another great season. After competing at the regional meet, 46 girls made it to the State meet. Up against stiff competition, 31 of those who competed for the Broomfield Flyers received awards.

The gymnasts are finished competing for the 2008 season, but will still remain busy with a heavy off-season schedule that includes gymnastics camps, Broomfield Days demonstrations, and various fundraisers.

There were 5,303 participants in gymnastics classes and camps in July.

**Therapeutic Recreation** – Broomfield Special Olympics athletes competed in two sports during July:

- The Softball Team placed third in the regional tournament in Longmont on July 26.
- Five golfers competed in the Summer Classic on July 19 at Foothills Golf Course. They earned three first places, one second place and one fifth place.

The Broomfield Police Department's Communications Division presented a class on safety for individuals with special needs on Thursday, July 17 at the Paul Derda Recreation Center. The Police Department handed out terrific safety give-aways obtained with grant funding.

New programs offered in the fall brochure include: "Bunk with the Beast at the Denver Zoo" for individuals with disabilities, and a Parent-tot Adaptive Gymnastics class, also for individuals with disabilities.

## At the Audi ...

### *In the gallery*

Front Range Community College student show paintings by Toni Verretta's Continuing Education students in oil, acrylic, watercolor and pastel. Verretta, a multi-media free lance artist includes pieces in charcoal, oil, acrylic, airbrush, watercolor, bronze sculpture and murals. View Fridays 2 to 4 p.m., and during Auditorium events from Aug. 29 to- Oct. 31.

### *Auditorium events*

CU in Broomfield Fall Jazz Series brings nationally acclaimed CU jazz faculty to the Audi to perform "Back to the Bossa Nova," music by Jobim, Luis Bonfa, Joao Gilberto, CU's Allen Hermann, and vocalist Suzanne Morales Wednesday, Sept. 3, 7 p.m. Free.

World Music World Peace with Kailin Yong and Friends. Yong is recipient of the Daniel Pearl Memorial Violin. Come for an evening of original music with many talented artists. Thursday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m. Tickets at the door or in advance by calling 303.464.5835 or 303.464.5829: \$7/\$5 adult/seniors and students. Children 10 and under accompanied by an adult are free.

2HATZ Comedy and Magic variety show featuring Dennis Michael and Haywire the Entertainer. This side-splitting variety performance of unpredictable antics, mayhem, amazing magic, hilarious comedy and unthinkable stunts opens Saturday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$10 each, \$40 for a group of five. Call 303.621.6903, or at the door.

Autism Society Of Boulder Colorado Annual Conference on special advocacy and Wrightslaw. The program is not disability specific and Wrightslaw programs are designed to meet the needs of parents, educators, health care and service providers, advocates and attorneys who represent children with disabilities regarding special education. Register online at [www.autismboulder.org](http://www.autismboulder.org) or by calling 303.272.823. The conference is Thursday, Sept. 25, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Boulder Chamber Orchestra presents the Post-Romantics, featuring Michael Thornton on the horn, Jean Sibelius in Suite Caractéristique and Eric Ewazen with the Concerto for Horn and Strings. Michael Thornton on the horn, Javier Alvarez -Metro Chabacano and John Ireland – perform the Colorado premier of Downland Suite; Bela Bartok completes the evening with Romanian folk dances. Friday, Sept. 26, 7:30 pm Tickets: \$20/10 at the door, or visit [www.boulderchamberorchestra.org](http://www.boulderchamberorchestra.org) or call 303.583.1278.

Children's Dance Theatre presents "Where the Wild Things Are," an educational, innovative and entertaining production. Saturday, Sept. 27, 1 p.m. Tickets: \$5/3 from Jane Spain 303.466.3212 or visit [www.danceartsstudio.org](http://www.danceartsstudio.org)

Chamber Ensemble Con Grazia performs Schubert's Piano Trio in B Major, Op 99; Brahms Clarinet Trio in A minor Op. 114; Berkeley Horn Trio in F Major, Op. 44; with Michelle Davis on violin, Stan Persky on clarinet, William Kearns on horn, Charles Tucker on cello, and Grace Asquith on piano. Saturday, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 from Grace Asquith at 303-460-6800 or at the door.

For more information on events at the Audi, call the **Events Hotline** at 303.469.3301, ext. 7999, or visit [www.broomfieldauditorium.com](http://www.broomfieldauditorium.com)