



City & County Manager's Report

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TO: Mayor Patrick Quinn and the Broomfield City Council

FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

FYI

120th Avenue Connection gets under way with groundbreaking

Broomfield and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will break ground on the first phase of construction for the 120th Avenue Connection on Sept. 24, 2009. Ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. at the Broomfield RTD Park-n-Ride at Wadsworth Parkway and State Highway 128.

The connection will create better access and relieve traffic near U.S. 287, U.S. 36 and in the Arista Development including the Broomfield Event Center. The project extends State Highway 128 to the east from Wadsworth Parkway, and travels over U.S. 36, ending at Old Wadsworth Boulevard.

The initial phase of the project includes reconstructing and extending Commerce Street to meet Old Wadsworth and creating a new 118th Street. Eventually the extension will proceed northeast under the railroad tracks and end at the existing 120th Avenue.

Construction is expected to begin in two weeks starting with the new bridge across U.S. 36.

National Night Out attracts 800

The Police Department's 'National Night Out Picnic in the Park' in August attracted over 800 to Broomfield County Commons Park. The annual event, begun as a police and crime prevention affair, has grown in Broomfield to include all-hazard preparedness and safety information that includes participation from other city departments

that provided information on their mission and services.

The schedule of events included a Police K-9 Demonstration, North Metro Fire Rescue Extrication, Smoke House, and the landing of a Med Evac helicopter.

Learning stations included activities and information from the Police Department, Health and Human Services, Street Operations, Utilities, Public Works, Parks

and Recreation, BCARES, Environmental Services, North Metro Fire Rescue, and the Humane Society of Boulder Valley. This event was also supported by the local Target store with supplies of water and other trinkets to hand out to participants by corporate volunteers.

Residents attending this year's National Night Out were encouraged to complete a 'Preparedness Postcard – Select 7,' a tool that encourages them to seek out safety and preparedness information.

The completed card netted the participant a ticket for an opportunity to win weather radios, 'Go-Kit' bags, bike helmets, recreation center passes, and other miscellaneous trinkets. The drawing on Aug. 5 awarded 15 prizes.



For the third year in a row, this event provided an opportunity for participants to donate non-perishable food items to help stock the cupboards of the FISH food bank. This year, participants donated 100 pounds of food.

Next year's event is set for Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010.

Channel 8 captures high school record-breaking field goal kick

Broomfield's KCCB Channel 8 captured a record-breaking field goal kick this month when Legacy High School's kicker, Kip Smith, kicked a 67-yard field goal in the school's opening football game against Mountain Range on Sept. 4.

The kick was recorded as part of Broomfield's local high school football coverage shown on Channel 8 and the Web. Residents and a worldwide audience could see the record setting event, and more than 25,000 viewers around the world watched a replay of the kick on the Web in the first week it was on.

The on-demand video of the game was placed on the city's Web site, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

KCCB staff drove the video to Denver's KUSA 9News following the game, and it was shown during the station's sports programs during the weekend.

Broomfield's Communications Department produces and airs six high school football games each year featuring Broomfield, Legacy and Holy Family high schools.

Here is this year's remaining schedule:

Sept. 25 - Holy Family vs. Erie
 Oct. 2 - Broomfield vs. Thompson Valley
 Oct. 9- Legacy vs. Boulder
 Oct. 30 - Holy Family vs. Faith Christian

Channel 8 broadcast times are
 10 a.m. on Tuesday
 2 p.m. on Wednesday

8 p.m. on Thursday

6 p.m. on Saturday

The video can be seen online at these times by clicking on the KCCB logo in the right-hand column of the city's home page at www.broomfield.org.

DVD copies may be ordered and purchased for \$10. Contact KCCB at 303.438. 6354 to place an order. They may be picked up at the City and County building, 1 DesCombes Drive.

Volunteers help with Zero Waste for Broomfield Days

For the 2009 Broomfield Days Celebration, Recreation Services opted to save money by recruiting and training over 150 volunteers to man the Zero Waste stations located throughout the event instead of paying Eco-cycle for staffing.

Census efforts promoted

Broomfield is partnering with the United States Census Bureau in promoting Census 2010.

Through this effort, the Paul Derda Recreation Center received a Census Bureau grant that paid for 55 pairs of climbing wall shoes – a \$2000 value.

Broomfield staffs joined forces in the promotion. Recreation Services created a parade float for the Broomfield Days parade, Communications supported the float construction and put together a proclamation for Mayor Quinn that encourages residents to participate in Census 2010.

For the float, Tom Szydłowski from the Woodshop at the Community Center donated labor to construct the frame, which was built on a trailer provided by the Parks Department. The float marketed Census 2010 and the Paul Derda Recreation Center. Personal Trainers from Recreation Services walked by the side of the float, with life guards and *Healthy Heart Walkers* while additional patrons rode on the float.

Looking ahead

Veterans Museum reopens

Broomfield's newly remodeled and expanded Veterans Memorial Museum will open again on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. as part

of the annual Broomfield Days Festivities. Festival goers are invited to come and take a look at the new displays. The museum is located at 12 Garden Center, just west of Midway Park.

A formal grand opening will occur between noon and 5p.m. after the annual Veterans Day celebration on November 11, 2009.

Fishing at the Bay

Fishing at the Bay for kids 12 and under is scheduled for Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants must be accompanied by an adult.

Bring fishing pole, hooks and bait to tempt the wily trout. There will be 30 kids per time slot, and a two trout limit. Call 303.464.5530 for more information on how to register.

Investor education at the library

Investor Education in Your Community is a financial education seminar planned at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The seminar is designed to provide independent and objective information to help consumers make informed investment decisions in today's financial market, and includes lecture, Q&A, and a guided workshop. This program is made possible by a partnership with the Evelyn Brust Financial Research and Education Foundation, a Colorado non-profit, and the Foundation's funding partners: the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies and the Investor Protection Trust.

Doors will open at 9 a.m., with light refreshments. Register by calling 720.887.2350 or e-mail library@broomfield.org. Space is limited.

Fall Household Hazardous Waste Day event scheduled

Broomfield is scheduling its annual Fall Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Norman Smith Municipal Service Center, 3001 W. 124 Ave. The event is by appointment only, so residents are asked to call 303.438.6336 to schedule an appointment.

Depot celebrates 100 years

The Broomfield Depot Museum will celebrate its 100 year anniversary on Oct. 17 beginning at 1 p.m. The event is hosted by the Historic Landmark Board. Refreshments and entertainment by the Legendary Ladies are planned.

Spirits and Spooks

The annual Spirits and Spooks fundraiser to benefit the Broomfield Community foundation is scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Senior Center on Oct. 30.

Sample beer and wine with hors d'oeuvres. Come dressed in costume. Participants must be over 21 years old. The event is sponsored by High 5 Liquors. Cost is \$20. Call 303.464.5525 for details.

Capital projects ...

Detention Center Expansion

City Council approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) agreement with Haselden



Construction for the construction of the Broomfield Police Department Detention Center Expansion on July 28.

A notice to proceed was issued August 4, and construction is

under way. The majority of the site and utility work is complete. Caissons are finished and foundation construction is under way. The contractor has begun the first phase of the interior remodel.

2009 Playground Replacement

The playground review team (which includes staff members from CIP, Parks Services, and Recreation Services) reviewed proposals and met with



suppliers on the final selections for the playgrounds.

The following chart lists the playgrounds selected for replacement this year and their status.

Playground	Status
Miramonte	Complete
East Park	Complete
Community Park (ages 2-5)	Complete
Community Park (ages 5-12)	Complete
Community Park Poured-in-Place surfacing	Complete

The equipment replacement at East Park and the Miramonte playground is complete.

Broomfield was selected to receive grant funding from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). The grant will fund new poured-in-place surfacing, containing recycled waste tires, for the Community Park playground. The playground and surfacing are complete, and Broomfield has submitted for reimbursement from DOLA.

2009 Street Reconstruction and Waterline Replacement

A construction agreement with DeFalco was approved for the 2009 Street Reconstruction and Waterline Replacement Project. The project includes portions of Greenway Drive, Greenway Drive South, West 5th Avenue and Ridge Drive.

The project will also include the construction of a sidewalk along Greenway Drive which was submitted as a CIP request and funded in the 2009 budget.



The reconstruction of West 5th Avenue has been withdrawn from the contract. Mitigation work will be done on this street in 2010.

Waterline construction is complete for all streets. Grove Court and Federal Court in Westlake are awaiting the top lift of asphalt. The contractor is putting together a proposal to remedy a surveying error that led to the lower lifts of asphalt not having the designed crown. It is anticipated that this will be resolved this month, and the final lift will be installed by the end of September.

In Greenway Park, the concrete replacement is under way. The road reconstruction started Sept. 8 and will be completed in three segments to maintain access for all residents. The construction of the new concrete sidewalk began this month.

Departmental updates ...

LIBRARY

The Library's Summer Reading Program registered close to 3,500 kids this year and had a completion rate of 76.3%.

RECREATION SERVICES

Aquatics –

- The Bay closed for the season on Labor Day, and will host Dog Daze and Fishing at the Bay before winterization. Instead of the annual Employee Appreciation Party at the Bay, the City offered Complimentary day passes for the Bay to all City employees, and 453 day passes were redeemed at the Bay.
- As part of the 2009 Summer Library Reading Program, complimentary day passes to the

Broomfield Community Center were issued as a reading award. During July and August, 156 passes were redeemed.

- **The Bay Blitz** – 10 days of water aerobics on Monday through Friday each week for the last two weeks at the Bay - had four people who came all 10 days, and 170 participations total.
- When the pool at the Broomfield Community Center did not close for maintenance as previously planned, Aquatics made use of the pool and offered a session of mini swim lessons. The regular two-week sessions were only four days. There were 25 kids enrolled, with numerous compliments from parents who enjoyed the mini lesson format.
- Pool maintenance at the Paul Derda Recreation Center included a deep cleaning,

replacing the butterfly slide with a new alligator slide, and bringing all of the pool grates up to federal standards. Patrons have given numerous compliments about the appearance and cleanliness of the pool.

Climbing Wall – The climbing wall continues to be a highly popular entity at the Paul Derda Recreation Center, with 361 drop-in climbers, and 123 class participations in August.

Fitness –

- The first ever Youth Conditioning Clinic in early August was born of a discussion between mothers and Veronica Mueller, fitness coordinator. This class offered end-of-the-summer sports conditioning to kids ages 8 to 11 to get them better prepared for upcoming school sports training. Even though this class was offered spontaneously with a limited marketing window, there were 32 participants. One mom reported that the clinic “was her best investment in her kids over the summer!” She felt that the course offered a great deal for the \$25 fee.
- The Boot Camp program offers outdoor workouts led by fitness instructors and

trainers. This summer there were eight Boot Camp groups with 137 participants.

Gymnastics – Gymnastics held its annual Broomfield Flyers High School Summer Camp – “Ripped & Ready” – in August. This year 52 individuals representing six different high schools were enrolled.

Youth and Teen - The 2009 Summer Day Camp for youth ages 6 to 15 finished its season on August 18. There were new activities offered this year, including Passport Day Games from around the world, science experiments, egg drop contests and tie dying activities. The Junior Leader Programs launched this year with five individuals participating. The Junior Leaders were in charge of small groups of kids creating and facilitating activities with younger kids. The Summer Day Camp Extension sessions at the Broomfield Community Center enjoyed the largest enrollment yet, with 77 kids each week. A few extra days were added this year to accommodate those who were still not back in school, making this the longest Summer Camp Program to date.

At the Audi ...

In the gallery

Arvada Fine Arts Guild: August 28 to Oct. 29
One Book One Broomfield *Spirit of the Plains*
 photography exhibit, Oct. 29 to Nov. 15.
Broomfield Art Guild: Nov. 15 to Jan. 8, 2010.

Featured...

September 26 - Chamber Ensemble con Grazia, A Song Recital at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: All ages \$10. For more information, call 303.460.6800 or visit www.ArtsInBroomfield.org

October 7 – CU Jazz presents *Cole Porter and Other Great American Songwriters* with

tunes from the great American songbook of Porter, Gershwin and others. A special SCFD 20th Anniversary recognition is also planned. 7 p.m. Free.

October 16 – Wild Mountain Celts acoustic, folk, traditional Celtic music mix a bit of wild tornado rhythm with Celtic melody. 7 p.m. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 for seniors and students. \$20 for four.

Auditorium ticket sales

The auditorium now sells tickets to those events requiring them at the Broomfield Auditorium on Fridays from 2 to 5 p.m. and during some events when staff is available.

