



City & County Manager's Report

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TO: Mayor Quinn and the Broomfield City Council

FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

FYI

City receives word of ISO rating

The City Manager's office has received word from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) that Broomfield has secured a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Classification of "2" for one and two family residential property, and "2" for commercial and industrial property.

The rating system is from 1 to 10 with 1 being the best. Maintaining the 2 rating is a huge accomplishment, considering that very few jurisdictions get this high rating, according to Building Official Michael Stensland.

Stensland and inspector Tim Pate cooperated with ISO representatives during the recent ISO survey.

The Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) is an insurer-supported organization with the primary mission of providing advisory insurance underwriting and rating information to insurers.

There is no requirement that insurers use ISO's advisory material. Insurers may have adopted, or may be in the process of adopting, an ISO insurance rating program that will provide rating credits to individual property insurance policies in recognition of community efforts to mitigate property damage due to natural disasters.

These insurers may use the ISO Building Code Effectiveness Grading Classification recently developed for Broomfield as a basis for the credits used. While individual insurers may use different credits or different effective dates, the ISO program will apply credits to new construction

within Broomfield that has been issued a Certificate of Occupancy in the year 2008 and forward.

The ISO report provides information about the classification process and how various aspects of the Broomfield community's building codes and their enforcement were graded.

Election preparations under way

by Russ Ragsdale

The Clerk and Recorder's Department is in full swing preparing for the upcoming Nov. 4 General Election. As of Tuesday, Sept. 9, Broomfield's voter list has grown by 1,272 voters since the August Primary Election.

Total active voters now registered in Broomfield numbers 27,355 and is expected to increase significantly by the October 6 registration deadline. Of Broomfield's registered voters, 14,303 have requested a mail-in ballot for November.

Work is underway to lay out and order the ballot which is one of the lengthiest in Colorado history.

If you can't make up your mind which of the two leading presidential candidates to choose from, you will have 14 other choices this year. There are 11 judges up for retention along with 18 statewide questions; four referred measures and 14 citizen initiatives.

Three Broomfield school districts, Adams 12, Jeffco, and St. Vrain, will have two funding issues

each on the ballot. And of course, the Arista Local Improvement District will be joining in.

All seven of the vote centers used in past elections will be in service again this year. Early voting begins on Monday, Oct. 20, in the main lobby of the City and County Building. Early voting will be available on Saturday, Oct. 25.

For the last three days of early voting, Oct. 29 to 31, there will be two additional voting locations: Holy Comforter Church on 10th and U.S. 287 and Risen Savior Church on 144th Avenue.

As in past years, the election effort will truly be a team effort. The Information Technology Department will be ensuring that computer connections are up and running at all vote centers. The Police Department will be escorting ballots and voting equipment to each vote center on the morning of Election Day and providing security throughout the day.

Public Works staff will be putting up street signs directing voters to early voting and vote centers, delivering and retrieving voting equipment, and providing backup services in case of snow and/or power failures. In addition, 30 Broomfield employees from seven different departments will help staff vote centers on Election Day.

Projections for turnout range from 90 to 95 percent. Because turnout is calculated against active voter registration counts and Broomfield has over 7,000 inactive voters eligible to cast ballots this November, it is quite possible that some precincts will be reporting over 100 percent turnout. It may be interesting to watch the Clerk explain this to the media.

Assessor audit a success!

Annually the State of Colorado contracts with an auditing firm to do procedural analysis and statistical analysis for all sixty-four counties for all classes of property. For the last several years the

firm has been Rocky Mountain Valuation Specialists LLC.

Broomfield Assessor John Storb reports that again this year, the City and County of Broomfield was found to be in compliance with State Board of Equalization, Department of Property Taxation, and Colorado State Statute valuation guidelines.

Broomfield was also found to be in procedural compliance with time trending verification, sold/unsold analysis which tests for the equal treatment of sold and unsold properties, sales verification, possessory interest properties, and the personal property audit.

Specifically, the auditor looks at how the county assessors developed economic areas, confirmed and qualified their sales, developed their time adjustments, performed subdivision discounting procedures, and performed their periodic physical property inspections. Valuation methodology for residential and commercial properties is also examined.

Statistical analysis is also performed on vacant land, residential properties, commercial/industrial properties and agricultural land.

To be in compliance in sales ratio analysis (the sales ratio is the assessor's value divided by the sales price, adjusted for time, personal property, and other factors), the allowable standards ratio is between .95-1.05 of the unweighted median ratio of the property classes: commercial/industrial, single family and vacant land. The coefficient of dispersion must be less than 20.99 for commercial/industrial and vacant land, and less than 15.99 for single family.

The auditor found that Broomfield's commercial/industrial median ratio was .991 and the coefficient of dispersion (COD) was 5.4. For single family, the median ratio was .993 and the COD was 5.0. For vacant land, the sales ratio was .993 and the COD was 8.2.

Looking ahead

Fall hazardous waste collection

The Environmental Services Division of Public Works will conduct its Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 8 a.m. to noon.

This event provides an opportunity for residents to drop-off their household hazardous waste, including electronic waste, at no charge and promotes proper disposal of household waste that otherwise may have gone into landfills and could negatively impact the environment.



Appointments are still available by calling 303-438-6336.

Left: Truckload of electronic waste generated from spring 2008 Household Hazardous Waste event.

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, 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, 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, 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 for info on season tickets, mini plans and fan experience programs.

Also visit BroomfieldEventCenter.com for more information on upcoming events and ticket information.

Capital projects ...

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 recreational activities.

The existing 4-foot and 6-foot sidewalk that runs 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, 2008.

The Opatril irrigation ditch has been filled, and Tarco, Inc., constructed the 8-foot sidewalk and performed final grading. Construction was substantially complete at the end of August 2008, and the contractor is working on outstanding punch list items.

Note: Sod installation in Cottonwood and Pinion Parks will be completed by ValleyCrest, Inc., 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:

Construction has been completed on Sheridan Boulevard, from Highland Park Drive south to West 120th Avenue. The Streets Maintenance Division is expected to begin roadway maintenance on this section in September.

Work on Burbank Street began in August but has been suspended. Broomfield is waiting for approval by FRICO to cross Community Ditch. The trench has been temporarily patched and is being monitored.

Due to efficiencies during construction, the availability of the waterline crew and the working relationship developed with the Gate 'n Green Homeowner's Association and the residents, another section of waterline (Walter Way) will be replaced. This will allow Gate 'n Green to complete much needed roadway maintenance next year and have the same construction crew as Scott Drive North and Scott Drive South complete the work. Work is expected to begin this month.

The following is a summary chart of the project scope and status:

| <u>Segment</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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| East 14th Avenue | Domestic | Completed |
| Scott Drive North | Domestic | Completed |
| Scott Drive South | Domestic | Completed |
| Sheridan Blvd (HL Park to 120th) | Domestic | Completed |
| Burbank Street | Domestic | In Process |
| West 144th Avenue (Sheridan to Lowell) | Reuse | Nearly Complete (testing) |
| Sheridan (West 144th Avenue - north) | Reuse | In Process |
| Walter Way | Domestic | Pending ***NEW*** |

2008 Playground Replacement Project

The 2008 program includes improvements to the Trails at Westlake, Willow Park, and Blue Star Memorial Park playgrounds. The project also includes minor handicap access improvements at seven other playgrounds.

Staff has been working with vendors on the US Commodities List for the equipment replacement. Equipment fabrication is currently underway. Installation is expected to begin in mid-September.

The site work for Blue Star Memorial Playground has been completed and the contractor is working on punchlist items. A new swing set has been ordered.

West 136th Avenue from Sheridan to Aspen Street / Aspen Street from West 136th Avenue to the north edge of the Aspen Creek Subdivision

Construction has commenced along West 136th Avenue with the first phase of utility relocation work. Xcel, Comcast and Qwest will be moving their overhead and underground facilities to the north edge of the new road right of way.

The road construction project was bid and was approved by City Council on September 2nd, 2008. Jalisco International will begin roadway construction along Aspen Street in late September.



Departmental updates ...

COMMUNICATIONS

Videos of the Broomfield Days festivities will be online and televised on Channel 8 during October.

Staff worked with area county clerks, commissioners and PIOs to facilitate a press conference to encourage voters to vote by mail or vote early. The press conference was Sept. 17 on the west steps of the capitol.

Archived Council meeting videos from 2006 and 2007 are temporarily down after our grace period with our former video hosting company, Broadbandvideo, ended last week. They are currently be assembled on the Granicus site by communications staff and will be posted as each one is completed.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Family and Children's Services – The 2008 Child Care Summit on Saturday, Oct. 18, will feature the theme "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 to attend 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).

Workforce Center – The Workforce Center is partnering with the Governor's Energy Office, the Broomfield Economic Development Corporation, and Front Range Community College in a program called "Making Sense Out of Going Green."

This workshop will highlight the financial benefits of going green and help businesses learn to develop greening strategies for their organizations. The event will be at the Omni Interlocken Resort from 7 to 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 24. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 303.464.5894.

PUBLIC WORKS

Environmental Services – The division supported the annual Broomfield Days event Sept. 20. During the day, 1,200 reusable grocery bags, 200 compact fluorescent bulbs, 1,000 reusable water bottles and 750 green suckers were handed out to residents to promote the Green Broomfield program.

Environmental Services also provided information about the importance of reducing waste, reusing items and recycling to conserve resources.



RECREATION SERVICES

The Paul Derda Recreation Center re-opened August 30 after being closed for the annual building cleaning and upkeep. A new building feature added to the building during the closures is along the hallway wall leading to the locker rooms downstairs.



The children in the Early Learning program painted their handprints on a ceramic tile. The tiles (with the child's name applied) are now hanging on the wall.

Each year this process will take place; so Early Learning children in the program will see their handprints up on the wall at the Paul Derda Recreation Center. When the handprints are taken down each year, the children will get them

back as a keepsake from their Early Learning year at the center.

Aquatics – Following each session of swim lessons, parents are asked to fill out an evaluation of how they felt the class went for their children and changes they'd like to see. From these completed evaluations, the aquatics staff re-structured the swim classes and how they are organized. There has been an excellent response from parents regarding these changes.

The new water aerobics classes, *Flippity Fun* and *Fun & Fitness*, designed for "tweens" ages 9 to 14 years to encourage them to be active and healthy, have proven very popular. All of the first session classes are full.

Summer at The Bay found attendance and revenues up from 2007. Final numbers will be available in October.

The *Bay Blitz* drop-in water fitness program was two weeks of ultimate water aerobics every day from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Ten classes were offered and 215 people participated. There were seven people who came to all the classes and received prizes for attendance and dedication. There were 20 people attending who have never participated in a water aerobics class before. They are now regular participants in ongoing programs.

Childsitting – A Staff Appreciation Night featured an activity giving each family a chance to help their children fill out an apple with a compliment for staff members. Comments ranged from "You are so nice and friendly, and we love to play games and do crafts with you" to "Thank you for taking such good care of us!" to "We love to do all of your fun and creative crafts!! Thanks for all you do!" and more.

Early Learning – No Early Learning classes were held in August. Staff hosted an Open House for Early Learning parents who have their kids enrolled for the Fall Session. This informational event introduced the program to the parents, establishes procedures and expectations, and gives the parents and children an even higher comfort level with the program.

Enrollment for the fall session is almost full, with 146 of 150 slots filled. Early Learning classes began in September, featuring the new "Expedition into Phonics."

Gymnastics – Broomfield Recreation Services finished up all gymnastics classes and took a two-week break in August. This consistently-strong program continues to do great things for gymnastics in the area.

- ◆ This year, Broomfield had the biggest C.A.R.A. gymnastics team in Colorado.
- ◆ There were 770 kids enrolled in gymnastics classes over the summer.
- ◆ For the month of July (the last full month of classes for the summer), the gymnastics center had 5,303 kids participate in team practice, class, or a camp throughout the month.
- ◆ Over the summer, Broomfield hosted a high school camp with girls and coaches from Standley Lake, Broomfield, Legacy and Northglenn high schools. Forty-seven gymnasts participated in this "*Ripped, Wrapped and Ready*" camp.
- ◆ With 41 Broomfield participants competing at the girls' C.A.R.A. State Gymnastics meet, 31 placed first through sixth in at least one event.
- ◆ All seven Broomfield boys competing at the boys C.A.R.A. State Gymnastics meet placed.

Seniors – There were 315 participations in senior drop-in activities, including pinocle, Friday night dances, photo class, Bunko, woodcarvers, Jammers musical group, bridge, billiards, table tennis, dancing, foot reflexology, and showtime.

Six seniors attended the SilverSneakers® new members meeting.

Work is under way to partner with the new Highland Trail Independent Retirement Community to provide residents opportunities for fitness and socialization at the Paul Derda Recreation Center and Broomfield Community Center.

Youth and Teens

- ◆ While the ever-popular Summer Camp program finished up July 31, the Explorer Extension Camp continued through August for ages 6 to 14 years of age. There were 71 participants the first week, and 65 participants the second week. This camp took participants on new field trips to the Skate Park and swimming at the Broomfield Community Center. These field trips went extremely well – the kids loved the Skate Park and diving board and rope at the Community Center pool.

- ◆ The Teen Adventure Series took seven Broomfield teens horseback riding and swimming at Bear Creek Lake. This is a program where area recreation centers team up together and take trips to various locations.
- ◆ Fall 2008 registrations began August 15, and already the School's Out program is almost full. This program allows youth to enjoy some supervised activities with their friends on those days off from school.
- ◆ There are already 25 kids enrolled in the Winter Camp program held during the school holiday break.

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 through Oct. 31.

Auditorium events

Autism Society 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 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 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

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 at the door.

Cultural Affairs presents Trad Jazz Night, an evening of early New Orleans and Chicago jazz in an homage to the Dixieland era. Featured are nationally acclaimed CU faculty John Gunther on sax and clarinet, Brad Goode on trumpet, Allen Hermann on trombone, Dave Corbus on guitar, Jeff Jenkins on piano, Mark Simon on bass and Paul Romaine on drums. Wednesday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m. Free.

New! Poetry Reading presented by Cultural Affairs featuring Chris Raznick, Denver Metro poet laureate. Poets are invited to come and share their poetry during an open mic session. Coffee and treats will be served in the Gallery. Thursday, Oct. 9, 7 to 9 p.m. Free.

Life on the High C's offers family-friendly opera scenes in an entertaining program of arias and duets by local professional singers, young singers and other community artists. Segments are from *The Barber of Seville*, *Hansel and Gretel*, *The Magic Flute* and *Die Valkyrie*. Saturday, Oct. 11 at 2 p.m. Tickets at the door: \$7/\$5.

Broomfield Independent Film Series features a "Halloween Spookfest" with short horror and Halloween films rated R. After each film, there is a question and answer session. Thursday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m. Free.

Gypsy Flamenco Passion comes to the Audi in its wonderful and traditional costuming, palmas, pitos and dancers with authentic costumes from the different provinces of Andalucia Spain. Guitarist is the award winning, renowned Rene Heredia. Friday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance from Tickets West at 1.866.464.2626 or \$25 at the door.

Marvelous Musicales, an opportunity for music students of all ages and abilities to perform on stage at the Audi and use the Sauter Concert Grand Piano. Saturday, Oct. 18, 4 p.m. Suggested donation at the door: \$5/\$2.

Colorado Chamber Players 15th Anniversary Concert with Jeffrey Kahane features selections by Paul Hindemith, Shostakovich, Maria Newman and Philip Glass. Monday, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$22/\$18/\$5 from Tickets West.

Boulder Chamber Orchestra presents "Meet the Icons" with selections from Bach, Mozart and Haydn. Friday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$20/\$10 from www.boulderchamberorchestra.org or by calling 303.583.1278, or at the door.

Colorado Children's Chorale presents Coo Coo Cachoo, a concert for kids. Saturday, Oct. 25, 11 a.m. Tickets \$12/\$6 from www.childrenschorale.org or by calling 303.892.5600.

Broomfield Civic Orchestra and the Rocky Mountain Brassworks join together in concert with great melodies from around the world. Saturday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10/\$8/\$4 from www.broomfieldcivicorchestra.org, by calling 720.371.5235 or 303.438.1542 or from www.rockymountainbrassworks.com.

For more information on events at the Audi, call the **Events Hotline** at 303.469.3301, ext. 7999, or visit www.broomfieldauditorium.com

