

## City & County Manager's Report

September 25, 2007

TO: Mayor Stuart and the Broomfield City Council

FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

## A busy weekend in Broomfield



The new Girl Scout Shelter was dedicated Friday, Sept. 14. Here, the blue ribbon flutters aside after Mayor Karen Stuart performs the ceremonial ribbon cutting. Gloria Van Buskirk, former city councilmember who was also involved in getting construction of the original shelter (front, seated) spoke about the shelter in its early days and was honored with flowers for her involvement. Looking on are current Councilmembers Bob Gaiser, Walt Spader, Lori Cox, Bette Erickson and Vince Buzek.

**Broomfield Days** was successful again this year, and the Saturday parade, as always, was a big draw. At right, the Broomfield Skilled Nursing parade entry features a young cowboy who's wondering where everyone went, and below, the Optimist Club Clown Contest parade participants and parents enjoy a ride in the sunshine. Broomfield Days is scheduled for the third weekend in September each year.





(Photos by Joel Radtke)

#### **FYI**

# SCFD to distribute \$145,474 to Broomfield for cultural groups

The Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) Board of Directors approved distribution of \$145,474 for Broomfield cultural organizations at its meeting on Thursday, Sept. 13. To receive the funding are 18 cultural groups providing a variety of cultural services to Broomfield.

A check distribution ceremony with Broomfield City Council, Broomfield Cultural Council members, and grant recipients is planned for Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Broomfield Cultural Council members are Chair Esther Worker, Teresa Chamberland, Jerry Donahue, Eden Gassaway, Donna LaVigne, and Howard Zoufaly. The Council reviewed 28 grant requests and made 27 awards. Broomfield City Council reviewed and approved the funding plans prior to sending them to SCFD for the distribution.

Among this year's awards are Ballet Nouveau Colorado \$35,680; Broomfield Cultural Affairs \$36,369; Broomfield Council on the Arts and Humanities \$19,052; Colorado Repertory Singers \$2,650; Dance Arts Studio \$13,527; Broomfield Civic Orchestra \$3,174; and Parlando, Inc. \$3,529.

Since its creation in 1988, SCFD has funded over 300 organizations in the district via the 0.1% (1¢ on every \$10) retail sales and use tax in the seven counties. Counties within the SCFD District include Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson.

## Energy Star Challenge

Links to energy conservation information including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Challenge for residents and businesses are now available on the city's Web page. The information includes energy calculators to help understand where energy is spent and tips on how it can be used more efficiently. Links are also provided for Xcel Energy's energy conservation information.

#### Recycling in the parks!

Broomfield's new trash and recycling contract provides for recycling in high use park areas such as concession areas, shelters, and ball fields. The temporary brown recycling carts, which were placed in the parks in July, will soon be replaced with permanent recycling receptacles. The installation of 50 recycling containers around the city is under way.

The new recycling containers will be paired sideby-side with existing trash containers, but will have the familiar recycle blue lid as pictured below. The park recycling will initially be limited to commingled containers including glass, plastic bottles, steel cans and aluminum cans.



Next spring, when the Boulder County Recycling Processing Center is able to take unsorted recyclable material, the service will be expanded to "single-stream" recycling to include collection of paper and cardboard along with the commingled containers. Recycling containers will be phased into additional park locations over time.

The Public Works Environmental Services staff provided handouts with the park recycling guidelines and reusable shopping bags to residents at Broomfield Days.

## Broomfield Store opens online

The new, online Broomfield Store is officially open. Designed so that anyone who wants to show Broomfield pride can purchase official Broomfield

merchandise, the store features items including apparel, travel mugs, and even a pen that lights up in the dark. It is a service of the Community Assistance Center.

To save shipping charges, most items are in stock for those who wish to stop by the Community Assistance Center in the Broomfield City and County Building, 1 DesCombes Drive, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



To visit the store online, go to http://www.broomfield.org/shop1ccb/

For more information, email <u>info@broomfield.org</u> or call 303,438.6390.

### Looking ahead

# RAQC seeks input into stakeholder process

Elevated concentrations of ground-level ozone during this past summer appear to have put the nine-county Denver region in violation of the federal health-based, eight-hour standard. To ensure future compliance with the standard, the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) is seeking participants in its stakeholder process and the first Ozone Stakeholder Committee meeting.

The meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 3, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Educational Support Center, 1500 E. 128 Ave. in Thornton.

Those who attend are asked to come prepared to discuss ideas on both short- and long-term voluntary and regulatory strategies. Ideas may also be submitted to Sara O'Keefe, RAQC staff, at <a href="mailto:sokeefe@raqc.org">sokeefe@raqc.org</a>.

## Fall Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off event is October 6

Can't use up your left-over lawn and garden chemicals? Have an old computer or VCR collecting dust and taking up valuable space?



Gather them up and bring them in for recycling and/or environmentally safe disposal at Broomfield's Fall Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day on Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Norman Smith Service Center, 3001 W. 124 Ave.

The drop-off is for Broomfield residents by appointment only. Appointments are available by calling 303-438-6336.

Broomfield's Environmental Services and North Metro Fire Department staffs are teaming up to keep our homes, neighborhoods and waterways free of harmful chemicals by providing this local HHW event. Additional advertising will be provided on Channel 8, the city's Web site and in the Broomfield Enterprise.

## Visiting Nurses to give flu shots

Circle this date on the calendar – Tuesday, Oct. 9. The Visiting Nurses Association of Denver will be administering flu shots from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Broomfield Senior Center. Call 303-464-5526 for more information.

## Flu clinics planned

In preparation for the 2007-2008 flu season, HHS is planning flu vaccination clinics during October and November, and will participate in a statewide vaccination exercise.

Because of increasing availability of flu shots through primary care providers, local pharmacies and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and to avoid duplication of services, HHS will not be conducting a drive-through flu shot clinic in 2007. Broomfield residents will be able to obtain flu shots through their primary care providers.

Drive-through clinics are planned at Kaiser Rock Creek on Saturdays, Oct. 20 and Nov. 3. Also, a clinic at the Anthem clubhouse will be conducted by Exempla.

Local pharmacies are planning clinics on 12 dates between October 1 and November 29. Both of the Broomfield King Soopers stores and Walgreens are planning clinics. The sites and dates for these will be posted on the city's Web site.

On Saturday, Nov. 17, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will conduct a statewide mass vaccination exercise. Broomfield HHS staff has been assisting in the planning process for this exercise.

Dispensing locations will be located throughout the state. While Broomfield will not be a dispensing site, residents will be able to obtain a free flu shot from nearby sites.

In an attempt to fill any unmet need, HHS will conduct a walk-in clinic at 6 Garden Center on Tuesday, Nov. 13. This clinic will target those residents unable to get the flu shot by conventional means. An additional walk-in flu clinic on Thursday, Nov. 15, will be scheduled if needed. HHS also continues to offer flu shots through its routine, weekly immunization clinics.

A special flu shot clinic for First Responders and their families in Broomfield will be conducted as a test of the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Plan. First responders are Public Health, Police, Fire and Public Works personnel. This four-hour evening clinic is Tuesday, Oct. 30, at HHS.

For further information, contact Patti McHardy, 720-887-2247 or Murielle Romine, 720-887-2237.



This year's selection for the *One Book One Broomfield* program is *The Greatest Generation* by Tom Brokaw. This is the second year for this effort. Last year, the Broomfield community bonded while sharing the common experience of

reading about rural life in Colorado in James Galvin's book, *The Meadow*. This year, *One Book One Broomfield* will explore the legacy of those born between 1911 through 1924, the generation that fought in World War II and rebuilt the world after the devastation of the war.

Brokaw wrote *The Greatest Generation* as a tribute to those whose lives were formed by the Great Depression and the Second World War but who surpassed great hurdles to mold prosperous, useful lives. The values of common purpose, duty, honor, economy, courage, service, love of family and country, and responsibility for oneself permeate Brokaw's snapshots of individuals throughout his book.

Events planned around this community read include book discussion meetings on Sundays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Eisenhower Room, on the second floor, Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library, 3 Community Park Rd. To register for a book discussion, contact the library at 720.887.2350 or library@broomfield.org

A One Book Film Series is scheduled in two showings. The first will be on Thursdays Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 7 p.m., with the second showing on Mondays, Oct. 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 10 a.m. Showings are in the Eisenhower Room, second floor of the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library.

#### Movies are:

- 1. On the Town, (1949) Starring Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra, Betty Garrett, Ann Miller
- 2. Best Years of Our Lives, (1946) Starring Myrna Loy, Fredric March, Dana Andrews
- 3. Mister Roberts, (1955) Starring Henry Fonda, James Cagney, William Powell and Jack Lemmon.
- 4. The Great Escape, (1963) Starring Steve McQueen and James Garner.

Culminating this year's *One Book One Broomfield* is "Broomfield Voices of the Greatest Generation" on Sunday, Nov. 11 (Veteran's Day) at 4 p.m. in the Broomfield Auditorium. Hear a panel of residents reflect on the war.

A reception and poster session sponsored by the Broomfield Public Library Foundation will precede the "voices" event on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 3 p.m. in the Broomfield Auditorium lobby.

### Capital projects ...

#### Highlights:

- 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Main Street
   Exchange to Emerald Street Goodland
   Construction began on July 17 and completed the project on August 10, substantially ahead of schedule and before school was in session.
- 2007 Street Reconstruction West 6th Avenue and in Lac Amora - The contractor has completed West 6th Avenue. Concrete replacement and waterline replacement is underway on Goldenrod Circle in Lac Amora. The contractor will move to Lilac Circle and Lilac Court following the completion of Goldenrod Circle.
- 2007 Playground Replacement Playgrounds are being replaced in Eagle
   Trace Park, Discovery Park (formerly known
   as Centex Park), and Spruce Park. Eagle
   Trace is complete and Discovery Park is
   underway. Spruce Park will be completed in
   October.
- Broomfield Heights Alley Improvement Project - At its August 28 meeting, the City Council approved a construction agreement with Northstar Concrete, Inc. for reconstruction

- of the first phase of the Broomfield Heights Alley Improvement Project. Construction is expected to start in late September and should be complete in January of 2008.
- The Field Northwest and Southwest
  Quadrants Richdell Construction is starting
  on the trails in the western quadrants of The
  Field. The project includes eight-foot-wide
  crusher fines trails (1,784 linear feet in the
  northern quadrant and 1,878 linear feet in the
  southern quadrant), a culvert crossing,
  removal and replacement of a concrete
  handicap ramp, and the installation of four
  benches, four trash receptacles, and four dog
  waste stations. Completion of the trail is
  expected to be late November, depending on
  the weather.
- Main Street and Midway Boulevard Intersection Improvements - The Main Street and Midway Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project was substantially completed on September 11. Landscape repair will continue until the end of September.
- Wildgrass trail construction and the city-wide waterline replacement projects are continuing.

## **Transportation updates ...**

#### DMU looks like RTD's choice for northwest area

The RTD Board is expected to approve the Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) Technology as the vehicles to operate on the Northwest Rail.

DMU trains are powered by onboard diesel engines, similar a to conventional RTD bus. The other technology which has been considered is Electric Multiple Unit technology, or EMU. Power is supplied by an overhead wire with electricity supplies from power plants.

There is some visual impact related to overhead wires. But, EMUs generate slightly less noise and vibration than DMUs.

The strong factor influencing the RTD staff and consultant recommendation to the RTD Board is the additional cost to electrify the corridor for EMU which is approximately \$4.3 million per mile, with a total corridor cost of \$176.3 million. The alignment of the Northwest Rail shares right-of-way with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) rail line. BNSF has notified RTD that to meet clearance requirements for overhead power wires for EMU,

existing railroad bridges must be replaced at a cost estimate of \$405 million to \$565 million (in addition to the \$4.3 million per mile noted above).

The Northwest Rail Project Team is therefore making a preliminary recommendation to the

public, agencies and the RTD Board to initiate service for the Northwest Rail Corridor in 2015 with DMU technology.

-- Debra Baskett

#### Departmental updates ...

#### **CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

- The Cultural Council will hold its annual SCFD check presentation ceremony and reception on Tuesday, Oct. 23.
- The Public Art Committee (PAC) has completed its review of sculpture proposals for two Broomfield parks: Interlocken East Park and the park located at Miramonte Boulevard and Kohl Street.

Public review started September 11 and continued through September 21 online. Maquettes were available at Broomfield Days and during regular business hours in the Cultural Affairs area at the City and County Building.

The PAC will present final recommendations to the City Council on October 23. Installations are scheduled to be completed by March 2008.

- Cultural Council: The Broomfield Cultural Council (BCC) held its annual planning retreat on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the library to review its 2007-08 meeting calendar, funding priorities and related details. Updates were made to expand orientation and training of new members in the new year, to enhance the SCFD grant information workshop agenda and application review criteria, to prepare for the Arts Culture and Science grant applications this fall, and to recruit new members and groups more effectively to apply for committee vacancies and grant funding in 2008.
- Sister Cities: The Broomfield Sister
  Cities (BSC) committee met
  Wednesday, Sept. 12, in the Council
  Conference Room to review the success of its
  August 2007 exchange program. The
  committee hosted 12 Ueda City students and
  chaperones, the week of August 2 to 10. A

video of the August exchange program is running on Channel 8 and on the committee's website at:

http://www.broomfieldsistercities.com where more information about this and other sister city programs is available.

The committee will continue to meet monthly during the fall to plan for the Ueda City Mayor's visit to Broomfield in November.

For more information on Cultural Affairs activities, call Alisa Zimmerman at 303.464.5835, or email azimmerman@broomfield.org.

#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

**Public Health Division -** Recently tabulated results of the Back to School Immunization Clinic on August 14 showed that Health Division staff saw 89 children, ranging in age from 6 months to 18 years.

Four nurses and one pharmacist gave 194 immunizations. Most students (46 percent) were sixth graders, tenth graders and kindergarteners - the grades that had new immunization requirements imposed for school this year. Most of the students had no insurance (44.9 percent). Ethnic breakdowns showed that 65 percent were white/non-Hispanic; 22 percent were white/Hispanic and 6 percent were Asian.

While staff was able to get 81 children up to date for school, there were fewer elementary aged and minority groups accessing the clinic this year, as compared to past clinics at Emerald Elementary.

In an attempt to immunize these little ones, staff is finalizing a date for an immunization clinic at Bal Swan Children's Center in early October, and is also exploring the possibility of a clinic at Emerald Elementary in October or November.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

This year's Employee Wellness Fair is scheduled

Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Broomfield Community Center in the Lakeshore Room from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a



variety of screenings, displays, and information available.

Employees who participated in the pre-fair blood draw, core screening, and Health Risk Assessment will be able to pick up their Personal Wellness Profiles at the fair. There will be health coaches on site to quickly go over these results with employees, and group follow-up meetings will be scheduled after the fair for more in-depth information on the results.

This effort is part of the Healthy Broomfield program.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Fleet Division - The Fleet Division recycles waste motor oil and cooking oil all year long. Waste oil can be dropped off year-round at the Norman Smith Service Center, 3001 W. 124 Ave. between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 8 a.m. and noon on the first Saturday of every month (unless it's a holiday week-end, then it's the second Saturday)!

#### **RECREATION SERVICES**

Recreation Services participated in the National Night Out event organized by the Police Department on August 7. Over 400 kids and adults painted their hand prints on a t-shirt that said, "Safety and Fun Go Hand in Hand with Broomfield Recreation Services." Afterwards. they kept the t-shirts.

Active adult/senior programs – August trips took 119 seniors to Heritage Square, the Stanley Hotel and Tramway, Central City (Doc Holiday), or Bridgewater Grill in Golden.

SilverSneakers® drop-in visits for August:
Broomfield Community Center: 1,497
Paul Derda Recreation Center: 2,614 **Total:** 4,111

Dancing at Lakeshore to "Yesterday Today" had 65 participants in August Other senior activities had a total of 341

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Senior Athletic programs in August were:

Adult Softball: 30 Participants

Softball Practice: 35
Softball Games: 30
Senior Tennis: 9
Senior Golf: 26
Adult Volleyball Hall 18
Total Participations: 2,771

Kickball, a new program, had 24 participants who took part to the tune of 144 participations.

**Early Learning -** Early Learning staff had New Curriculum training in August for the "Zoo Phonics" learning program being implemented in the Fall preschool program.

**Gymnastics** – There were 525 participations in gymnastics programs during the month of August.

**Youth and teen** – Activities in August included Competitive Youth Basketball Practice for 12 youth for 60 participations; 18 participants in Youth Volleyball camps for 54 participations; 21 in the Skyhawks program for 105 participations, 15 in inline hockey for 15 participations and 110 in tennis for 220 participations.

Summer Camp ended August 3 with the annual talent show and pizza for the 180 kids enrolled through the last week.

- Extreme Camp ended and kids are looking forward to Extreme Spring Break 2008.
- Extension Summer Camp was full at 60 kids per week. The kids went on field trips each day.
- There were nine kids from Broomfield enrolled for the Teen Adventure Series camping trip. Out of all the area recreation programs participating in this program, Broomfield brought the most kids to this activity.
- The Artistic Explosion Class for kids had 13 registrants for the month of August.
- ❖ Youth Tech Classes had 17 participants.

#### At the Audi ...

#### Mark your calendar:

- September 29, Rocky Mountain Brassworks, March into Fall, 7:30 p.m.
- October 1, Broomfield Civic Orchestra, 6 p.m.
- October 3, CU in Broomfield Jazz "A Love Supreme," 7 p.m.
- October 6, Community Wellness Day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- October 6, An Evening of Rhapsody, 7:30 p.m.
- October 7, Boulder Chamber Orchestra, 4 p.m.
- October 12, Sound Waves, 7 p.m.

- October 14, Colorado Children's Chorale, 2 p.m.
- October 14, Filipino American Community of Colorado, 6 p.m.
- October 18, Broomfield Independent Film Series, 7 p.m.
- October 20, Marvelous Musicales, 4 to 5 p.m.
- October 20, Broomfield Civic Orchestra, 7:30 p.m.
- October 27, Library Friends Book Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Just in time for the holidays!

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 <a href="https://www.broomfieldauditorium.com">www.broomfieldauditorium.com</a>

