



# 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**

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## FYI

### ***Police prepare for B-WARN***

Broomfield Police Department's Emergency Management Unit has been working closely with Information Technologies to provide B-WARN, a system that is similar to Reverse 9-1-1. When the system kicks off in early 2009, residents will be able to subscribe to get emergency information.

B-WARN, stands for Broomfield Warning and Readiness Network. The new system will be Broomfield's free, subscription-based safety notification system designed for people on the go. It is capable of sending alerts to any e-mail enabled device, phones, cell phones, and fax.

B-WARN will be used for non-weather related emergencies only. Residents should watch for details and sign up opportunities when the program is kicked off in early 2009.

A multi-media emergency information sharing and alert plan is in place. It includes city website override, an emergency information call center, Channel 8, Citizen Notification (reverse 9-1-1), Emergency Alert System, and now B-WARN. All of these systems provide a comprehensive citizen notification and information sharing network.

### ***Flats Stewardship Council meets, discusses IGA renewal***

At the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council (RFSC) quarterly Board of Directors meeting on November 3, 2008, discussions continued to renew the

organization's Intergovernmental Agreement. The RFSC staff requested that appointments from municipalities be made by the end of December. February will be the first meeting for the 2009 slate of Board members.

The Department of Energy (DOE) provided a briefing of the Rocky Flats Quarterly Report. Information for the first quarter of calendar year 2008 was presented and included site activities for surface water monitoring, groundwater monitoring, ecological monitoring, site operations, and proposals to revise surface water standards. Staff scheduled a technical meeting in December to discuss site remedy status, analytical data, and upcoming proposals by DOE Legacy Management.

DOE has petitioned the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) for a change to increase the permissible levels of uranium in Rocky Flats discharges by two times the current levels. At the request of Broomfield, Westminster, Northglenn and Thornton, the RFSC drafted a letter to the WQCC, DOE, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Environmental Protection Agency in support of the downstream communities' efforts to maintain the current site-specific uranium standard of 10 pCi/L for Walnut Creek and 11 pCi/L for Woman Creek.

Other Rocky Flats activities include:

- A presentation by local government staff and community members of the joint proposal for the Natural Defense Funds (NRD) to the

RFSC. The NRD Board of Trustees will evaluate the proposals and determine how the \$4.5 million will be allocated for restoration of natural resources damaged by contaminant releases at Rocky Flats. The funds are to be used to restore, replace, or acquire the equivalent of "injured natural resources" to preserve ecological habitats. The formal NRD joint proposal was presented to the Trustees earlier this month.

- Broomfield continues to work with the Rocky Flats Museum to ensure the preservation of the sites history and cleanup records. The first exhibit will be presented in 2010 at the Arvada Center for the Arts, located at 6901 Wadsworth Blvd.
- Broomfield also continues to work with the Fish and Wildlife Service to support the refuge.

## ***Recreation Services earns excellence award***

In November, Broomfield Recreation Services and the Paul Derda Recreation Center received the *2008 ARC of Excellence Award for Community Participation* from ARC of Adams County. The award honors Broomfield's Therapeutic Recreation programs for individuals with special needs.

Rachel Robbins, coordinator of therapeutic recreation, plans these classes, designed specifically for individuals with disabilities. She also facilitates inclusion opportunities for these individuals in the regular recreation programs offered by Recreation Services. The award recognizes Robbins and the high level of professionalism and support demonstrated by the staff.

## Looking ahead

### ***Recycle wrapping paper***

Residents can recycle holiday wrapping paper at the Broomfield Recycling Center's temporary wrapping paper recycling collection.



From Friday, **Dec. 26** through Saturday, Jan. 31, wrapping paper will be accepted in the bin marked "Paperboard" at the Recycling Center, 225 Commerce St., Broomfield.

Wrapping paper will not be accepted at any other time of year because the large amount of ink and low fiber content of the paper make it difficult and costly to recycle.

Please note that the following items are NOT recyclable: tissue paper, metallic paper, ribbons, bows, construction paper, and fluorescent or dark-colored papers, such as dark red or green envelopes. Glossy greeting cards of any color are acceptable.

### ***Second 'Winter Frostacular' set***

Broomfield's second "Winter Frostacular" event is scheduled for Saturday, **Dec. 27**, at the Broomfield Event Center from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 per child, with accompanying adults admitted free.

Hang on to the children's tickets. They will double as admission to the hockey game that night at 7:05 p.m. when the Rage meet the Laredo Bucks.

Parents can use their child's ticket to attend the game, or they can purchase additional tickets to come as a family or with holiday guests for the same \$5 price. Additional tickets will be available for purchase at the Event Center box office prior to and during the Frostacular. They can also be purchased at the Paul Derda Recreation Center prior to Dec. 26.

Planners are encouraging residents to come enjoy some post-holiday fun after the rush is over. Bring a camera and get a photo with one of Santa's real reindeer and elf. There will be face painting, ice skating on the Event Center's ice, balloon animals, a special "ice fishing" opportunity, carnival games and inflatables to play on.

There will be movies and free hot chocolate in the lounge, and concessions will be open with a new kids' menu for those who wish to purchase treats.

For more information, call 303.460.6925.

### **MMCYA nominations due Dec. 31**

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2009 Metropolitan Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards (MMCYA) program. MMCYA is an annual award that recognizes teenagers between the ages of 13 and 19 who have overcome personal adversity and created positive change in their lives.

The awards program provides business, community, and civic leaders an opportunity to actively demonstrate their belief in and support for the young people in Broomfield. MMCYA focuses on teenagers who have triumphed over great odds and serve as inspirations and role models.

Nomination forms must be submitted to Colleen Girard at 6 Garden Center, Broomfield, CO 80020 by Wednesday, **Dec. 31**. Visit [www.broomfield.org/hhs/whatsnew.shtml](http://www.broomfield.org/hhs/whatsnew.shtml) to learn more, or to download a nomination form.

### **HHS opens sign-up for Nurturing Parenting Program**

The Mental Health Center serving Boulder and Broomfield Counties and Broomfield Health and Human Services (HHS) will again be offering the Nurturing parenting Program in January.

Classes start **Jan. 21**, and will be held weekly, with dinner served to all participants and their children. Anyone interested in participating in the program should contact Jean Franklin at 303.466.3007 for more information.

The Nurturing Parenting Program is a family-centered program, designed to build nurturing skills as alternatives to abusive parenting and child rearing attitudes and practices. It emphasizes the value of unconditional love within a family. The courses teach participants about the developmental processes of a child, the importance of offering children choices, and showing children they are loved and respected. The atmosphere is light, fun and educational.

This annual program is part of a \$24,000 grant awarded by the Colorado Children's Trust Fund.

### **Annual garden fair**

The CSU Extension Master Gardeners will be hosting the sixth annual Garden Fair on Saturday, **Feb. 7**, 2009 in the lobby of the Broomfield Auditorium. Details will be posted in the Broomfield Enterprise, in utility bills, and on the Channel 8 calendar.

### **Cultural Affairs continues 'Enlightenment Journeys'**

"Enlightenment Journeys," hosted by the Cultural Affairs Division in the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library, continue. The free presentations, inspired by the One Book, One Broomfield choice of *Breakfast with Buddha* by Roland Merullo, pick up in 2009 with presentations Saturdays at 2 p.m. in the Eisenhower Room.

**On Feb. 14**, the presentation is "*Having Love by Being Love*" with author Naomi Horii. On March 14, Dr. Onslow Willson will discuss "*Metaphysiology - Healing from the Inside Out*" and May 9 will feature "*Soul of the Wild*"-with author Barbara Shor.

In a special evening performance on April 11, 2009, at 7 PM, JoAn Segal will present her one woman show "*One Old Broad Talks About Life and Death*" in the Broomfield Auditorium as part of this free series.

In honor of this series, the Broomfield Auditorium Gallery will exhibit an art show featuring works that celebrate spirituality by local artists Tim Hogan, Beverly Schiller and Chandra Bezjak. This free exhibit will open from May 1 to May 15, 2009.

For more information call 303.464.5835.

### **Workforce plans youth job fair**

The Broomfield Workforce Center is planning its annual youth career and job fair on Wednesday, **Feb. 18**, 2009.

Those between 15 and 21 years old and looking for a career opportunity, part time work or a full time job will be able to visit with over 40 participating businesses.

The event is at the Paul Derda Recreation Center, from 3 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 18, and is free. It is part of the Governor's Summer Job Hunt, and is sponsored in part by Channel 9 News.

Call the Broomfield Workforce Center at 303.464.5855 for more information

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

**Dec. 21** – FISH will benefit from a food drive hosted by the wives of the Rocky Mountain Rage hockey team members at 3 p.m., before the Rage game against the Oklahoma City Blazers at the Broomfield Event Center. Tickets to the game are

\$10 with the donation of a non-perishable food item.

**Feb. 7** – Playhouse Disney Live! Shows at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m.

**Feb. 8** – Playhouse Disney Live! 11 a.m.

**Feb. 21-28** – Olympic Team Trials for Curling

**April 25 and 26** – World Famous Lippizaner Stallions. Two shows on April 25, one on April 26.

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

## Capital projects ...

### **Crystal Pines to Country Estates Trail**

The rough grading for the trail has been completed and the fence has been installed. The foundation for the bridge over Community Ditch has been poured and the contractor is finishing the pipe arch crossing.

Construction is expected to be complete in January of 2009.



### **North Midway Park Stairway Improvement**

The 2008 budget included funding of improvements to the area directly to the west of the Girl Scout Shelter which is currently too steep to mow or landscape. A new stairway was proposed with terraced landscaping beds which will provide direct access from the Garden Center to the shelter. The drainage problem in the area will also be corrected.

Staff worked with Frank Miltenberger to complete design documents. The project was bid by three landscaping and site contractors and Coloco, Inc., was the selected to do the work. Coloco began the preliminary site work in November. The stairway was completed and the retaining wall construction began the end of November.

The landscaping and the final irrigation work will be postponed until spring. The park and playground remain open during construction.

### **2008 Citywide Irrigation Replacement Project**

ValleyCrest Landscape Development, Inc., is contractor for the 2008 Citywide Irrigation Replacement Project. The project is a "design-build" project. New irrigation systems will be installed in North Midway Park, Cottonwood Park, Blue Star Park, and Pinion Park.

ValleyCrest completed base-mapping and irrigation system design for all four parks. The new Cottonwood Park irrigation system was completed at the end of October, and the Pinion Park system was completed at the end of November. Site restoration in Cottonwood Park was completed in November.

Construction in North Midway Park and Blue Star Park is under way and will be complete by the end December 2008. Seeding in North Midway, Blue Star, and Pinion Parks will occur in December 2009, and sod replacement will occur in spring 2009.

## Departmental updates ...

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Tim Pate, of the Building Department, recently obtained his certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) from the U.S. Green Building Council. The LEED Green Building Rating System is a voluntary, consensus-based national rating system for developing high performance, sustainable buildings.

LEED addresses all building types and emphasizes state-of-the-art strategies in five areas: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials and resources selection, and indoor environmental quality.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

In October, the Emergency Management Unit's Public Education Unit conducted citizen preparedness classes entitled "Tornadoes to Terrorist's - Are you prepared?" Guest speakers included Richard Ortner of Channel 7 News and Jeff Dorrell and Pam Kutchen from NMFR. The class was attended by 30 citizens.

The second Edition of the Citizen Preparedness Guide is complete. New sections include expanded information and new upcoming technology in the Early Warning / Information Systems section available in the City and County of Broomfield.

The Emergency Management unit has also overseen the work of a City and County Continuity of Operation Taskforce which includes members from Information Technologies, Public Works and Finance. This taskforce has met with staff in City and County Departments to develop policies and procedures should an emergency or disaster impact normal operations.

This plan includes a line of succession and is expected to be presented to Council for adoption early in 2009.

### **RECREATION SERVICES**

- **Youth and Teen** - Sessions were full for both the School's Out and Teen Adventure series in November. These courses are designed to give youth and teens a fun, safe and supervised activity to do on days off of school.

Summer Camp staff is being re-hired to staff the upcoming Winter Break Camp Dec. 22 through Jan. 2.

- **Early Learning** - A military care package drive collected at least 28 boxes to send with notes and pictures to military personnel.
- **Active Adult and Seniors** - The annual Thanksgiving Dinner, served by the staff in the Lakeshore Café had 136 people in attendance. The Children's Dance Theater of Broomfield, provided entertainment for the event.

The Healthy Hearts Walkers senior walking group started in November with 454 participations. This group meets twice a week at the Paul Derda Recreation Center. They begin with a warm-up and then walk the track. As they clock their miles, they are marking off a walking course across Europe!

The Santa's Cellar Craft Fair in November had 25 vendors and approximately 400 visitors, including Santa.

- **Climbing Wall** – There were 754 drop-in climbers during the month of November, up about 30 percent from October.

## At the Audi ...

### *In the gallery*

**Broomfield Art Guild Holiday Show** - The holiday art show at the Broomfield Auditorium Gallery features the Broomfield Art Guild. The Art Guild exists to support the visual arts in Broomfield and encourage the artists' interests of all abilities, from beginner through advanced.

This exhibit consists of 20 pieces. Media is an assorted blend of acrylic, oil, pastel, weaving, collage, ink, and water color on yupo paper. View Fridays from 2 to 5 p.m., and during Broomfield Auditorium events through January 3, 2009.

### **'White Christmas' holiday choral show**

This holiday music show features Barry Brown and Norm Silver with the 17th Avenue All Stars and Janet Chamberlain and Tracey Silver from the group "Ladies of Pink Champagne." This is a choral presentation featuring holiday favorites.

The performance is Sunday, **Dec. 21**, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and \$5 for children.

### *Auditorium events*

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

**Municipal Jazz Band** fourth annual Holiday Benefit Concert presented by Cultural Affairs on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. No admission, but a non-perishable food or monetary donation to FISH, Broomfield's food bank, will be collected.

**P'zazz Children's Choir, Dynamix Teen Vocal Ensemble** present "A Christmas Treasure." The two choirs will be joined by the After Midnight Jazz band. Friday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$12/\$8.

**Boulder Chamber Orchestra** presents 'The Gift Of Music' featuring Erika Eckert, playing the viola. Saturday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20/10

**Happy Noon Years!** Countdown At 12 noon for kids and families. Jim Jackson will perform "One Man Circus" starting at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, 11:15 a.m. Free.

