



City & County Manager's Report

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TO: Mayor Quinn and Broomfield City Council
FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

Happy Holidays!

FYI



Don't miss the 'Frostacular!'

Broomfield and the Broomfield Event Center are hosting a free skating event at the Event Center on Saturday, Dec. 22 for Broomfield residents. Skating on the hockey ice is from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and from 2 to 3 p.m.

There will also be free hot chocolate and goodie bags (concessions will be open for additional offerings to purchase), carnival games and prizes. Children can play on dinosaur, shark and super slide inflatables in the practice gym. A visit from Santa is also scheduled.

A limited number of ice skates will be available to use on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who have their own skates are encouraged to bring them to use.

Reduced price tickets to that evening's Rage game against Wichita will be available for Broomfield residents only. Reduced ticket prices

are \$5 for youth and half price for adults. The game starts at 7 p.m.

Metro Mortgage Assistance helps nine new homeowners

There are nine first-time homeowners calling Broomfield "Home Sweet Home," thanks to Broomfield and the Metro Mortgage Assistance Program. Out of 16 Colorado jurisdictions participating in the program, Broomfield has allocated the third largest loan amount to buyers - \$1.7 million. Denver and Aurora led the list.

This program, administered by the Metro Mayors Caucus and the City and County of Denver, marketed locally by the Broomfield Housing Authority, provides a below-market interest rate and down payment assistance grant for qualified first-time homebuyers. This marks the sixth year that Broomfield has allocated its Private Activity Bond funds to the Program.

Property tax bills to go out soon

In keeping with C.R.S. 39-10-103 requiring county treasurers to mail tax notices to each property owner "as soon as practicable," Broomfield property owners will soon receive information

showing the taxes due each property they own for the assessment year 2007.

The notice also shows a breakdown of all the mill levies along with the actual and assessed value.

The designated due date for full property tax payments is April 30; half payments are February 28 and June 15. If property taxes are escrowed by a mortgage company, the mortgage company routinely contacts Broomfield for tax amounts. Last year, 22,490 bills were mailed. This year, approximately 23,000 are expected to be mailed.

John Pickle named to Governor's health vision, values program

Broomfield Public Health Officer John Pickle has been invited to participate in the Governor's Dialogue on Health Care Vision and Values, a two-month outreach program that will solicit input from business, civic and health care leaders across the state prior to the 2008 legislative session.

Pickle was chosen to participate in this statewide effort as one of a select group of community representatives.

Meetings in nine communities around the state will gather information to help inform Governor Bill Ritter, legislators and others about how Coloradans view the state's health care system and how they believe it can be made more efficient, accessible, affordable and consistently excellent.

Health care reform will be a top priority of the 2008 session of the General Assembly, and the thoughts expressed at these meetings will help to provide a philosophical framework for the Governor on this issue.

Senior Center, Courts host party

On Monday, Dec. 17, the Senior Center, in collaboration with Courts, hosted a Christmas party for 53 senior ladies living in senior housing units in Broomfield. Donations of food and gifts collected through the CAC staff, along with \$25 gift cards collected by Courts, will insure happy holidays for these seniors who live alone and depend on Senior Services. A light dinner at the Lakeshore Cafe along with carol singing, a visit from Santa, and an Easy Ride tour of Broomfield's Christmas lights rounded out the event.

Looking ahead

Deadline nears to nominate teens for MMCYA recognition

Broomfield Health and Human Services (HHS) is accepting nominations for the Metropolitan Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award (MMCYA) to recognize teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive change in their lives. Deadline for nominations is Monday, Dec. 31.

To obtain a nomination form or for further information, contact Colleen Girard at 720.887.2201.

Broomfield has participated with Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin and Jefferson Counties in the Metropolitan Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award (MMCYA) since its inception in 1986. The awards recognize teenagers who have overcome personal adversity through service to self, family,

school and/or their community. This program offers youth the opportunity to be recognized as valued and contributing members of their community.

Business, community and civic leaders are asked to nominate a young person to demonstrate support for the young people living in Broomfield, and focus on positive young people who serve as role models to young and old alike. Anyone who knows a young person who meets the criteria is encouraged to nominate them.

Nominees will be recognized at the local level. Their nominations are also forwarded for regional consideration where they may also be recognized.

Challenge kicks off in January

America on the Move's "Get Fit, Stay Fit" Challenge will kick off Monday, Jan. 14, 2008. This is a nine week community-wide team and

individual competition that includes all types of community organizations.

Anyone interested in participating or finding out more information may call America on the Move coordinators Candice Smith at 720.341.0603, or Shawn Gorman at 303.944.5688.

HHS offers Nurturing Parenting

Broomfield Health and Human Services (HHS) will again offer a 16-week Nurturing Parenting program in collaboration with the Mental Health Center serving Boulder and Broomfield counties. The evening classes begin Wednesday, Jan. 30. Applications to participate in the program must be submitted by Jan. 30. The classes are limited to 20 families.

The Nurturing Parenting program is designed to help parents be empathetic, nurturing caretakers, and the classes emphasize the value of unconditional love within a family. Participants will learn about the developmental processes of a child, the importance of offering children choices and showing them that they are loved and respected.

Class atmosphere will be light, fun and educational. Dinner will be served to all participants and their children.

Anyone interested in participating or volunteering in the program should contact John Mowery at 720.887.2206 for more information.

'Happy Noon Year' for kids!

Monday, Dec. 31, at 11:15 a.m. at the Audi. Kids can celebrate the new year early with a count-down, noisemakers and more! Call 720.887.2315 for more information.

Christmas tree collection sites

Broomfield's seven holiday tree collection sites will remain open through Friday, Jan. 18. The collection sites are marked with signs and orange fencing. Temporary collection sites are intended for natural holiday trees only; please do not leave artificial trees, yard waste, tree branches, or other wood products.

Tree mulch will be available at Bronco Park and the Broomfield Recycling Center beginning in February 2008.

Locations are:

1. Bronco Park, Westlake Drive and Grove Circle. The tree drop-off is north of the backstop.
2. Broadlands Park West, Sheridan Boulevard and Meadow Mountain Drive. The tree drop-off is on west side of the parking lot.
3. Lac Amora Park, Miramonte Boulevard and Oak Circle North. The tree drop-off is west of the backstop.
4. Community Park Ball Fields, Community Park Drive and Lamar. The tree drop-off is west of Hall Field.
5. Broomfield Recycling Center, 225 Commerce St. The tree drop-off is west of the recycle bins.
6. Meridian Park, McKay Circle and Park Cove Way in McKay Landing. The tree drop-off is located west of the backstop.
7. Anthem Community Park. The tree drop-off is in the parking lot located at the intersection of Lowell and Sheridan Boulevards.

Holiday closures:

Broomfield's tree limb drop off site at the Broomfield Recycling Center will be closed on Dec. 22 and 29 for the holidays. The tree limb drop-off will be open as usual on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m. throughout the holiday season.

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24 and 25, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, all city and county business offices, the library, Broomfield Community Center and Senior Center are closed.

The Paul Derda Recreation Center will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on Dec. 24, and is closed all day on Dec. 25.

On New Year's Eve, the Paul Derda Recreation Center will be open from 5 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On New Year's Day, Jan. 1, all city and county business offices, the library, Broomfield Community Center and Senior Center are closed. The Derda Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Capital projects ...

Highlights:

Sheridan Boulevard from Aspen Creek to West 144 Avenue

The roadway design is complete. Re-use water line has been installed under a separate contract ahead of the roadway work. Some of the excess fill dirt from the adjacent embankment has been removed and taken to the East Midway Boulevard Widening project.

Qwest Communications has fiber and cable lines in the adjacent hillside that need to be lowered to perform the roadway grading. An agreement with Qwest is pending. Qwest has estimated that their fiber-optic line lowering work will take approximately eight months after execution of an agreement. The project will be bid for construction once the Qwest line relocation has begun.

East Midway Boulevard Widening, Lowell Boulevard to Vrain Street

The contractor, Quality Paving Company, has completed the main roadway improvements and is done for the season. WL Contractors will be installing a flashing pedestrian crossing sign at the intersection with Perry Street. Xcel Energy has finished installing the street lights along the north side of the roadway. The contractor will complete the remaining irrigation and landscaping next spring as originally scheduled.

West 136th Avenue Widening - Sheridan Boulevard to Sunnyslope Estates

The project design and right-of-way acquisition are complete. Council authorized a construction contract with Quality Paving on November 20 for the work. United Power is in the process of burying overhead power lines along the south side of the roadway. Road construction is anticipated to begin in February 2008.

Lowell Boulevard from 120th Avenue to Midway

Conceptual design work is under way to better understand the right-of-way needs and drainage issues. Staff has had preliminary discussions with the City of Westminster and Urban Drainage and Flood Control District regarding the project since this project will require intergovernmental agreements and cost-sharing for the work.

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. Phase 1A includes the alleys behind the homes on the north side of Midway. The concrete for the alley between Daphne Street and Main Street has been completed and this alley has been opened to traffic. The contractor is now working on the landscaping restoration along the sides of the alley.

Construction is now underway in the alley between Daphne Street and Kohl Street. The eastern 300 feet of concrete has been completed, however progress is slow as construction is being hampered by the cold weather. Staff will recommend whether or not to go ahead with Phase 1B (the alley south of Midway Boulevard), depending on the winter weather conditions, once the contractor is closer to the end of construction of the alley between Kohl Street and Daphne Street. This third alley will take approximately two months to construct.

Water Line Replacements

The Great Western Reservoir connection has been completed. The CDOT permit was obtained for the right-of-way work on Colorado 121 at Uptown Avenue for the service disconnect. The work was completed the first week in December. The remaining work includes the Brandywine Bowls reuse connection. BT Construction has begun estimating and

scheduling the 2008 Waterline Replacement Project. The proposed work and construction agreement will be presented to City Council in early 2008.

Re-use Waterline Installations in Brandywine, Trails at Westlake, Westlake at 136th Avenue, and at Great Western Reservoir for raw water are complete.

Wildgrass Open Space Trails, Phase 2

L & M Enterprises is the contractor for the Wildgrass Open Space Trails project. The crusher fine trail has been installed and the fine grading is complete and waiting final approval for seeding. The phase 2 trails benches and trash cans are currently being installed. Fencing will be installed in December. The trail is currently open for use. The proposed construction agreement for Phase 3 will be presented to Council for review in early 2008.

Departmental updates ...

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Recruiting has begun for the Cultural Affairs Manager position. Application deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

Family and Children's Services: National Adoption Day at the court house on Saturday, Nov. 17, celebrated four children from Broomfield Health and Human Services and two private adoptions that were finalized that day. After the adoption ceremonies, participants were welcomed by Debbie Oldenettel, Director of HHS, and District Court Judge Chris Melonakis offered words of wisdom, encouragement and support.

The event was collaborative. Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and Broomfield United Families provided a breakfast buffet. The Adoption Exchange provided information for post-adoption services, CASA gave gifts to all children in attendance, and the children created "picture frames" as mementos of the day.

On Thursday, Dec. 6, the Broomfield Rotary brought Santa to the Broomfield Community Center to celebrate with foster and adopted children. Children sat on Santa's lap and received an age-appropriate gift and a bag of treats.

Entertainment was provided by Jane Spain Dancers and the Community Center Band. Families enjoyed pizza, salad and brownies provided by Broomfield Health and Human Services. There were 40 Rotarians helping with

games and prizes for everyone. The 55 children attending the event were accompanied by foster parents, adoptive parents and caregivers. Over 135 people attended!

Public Health: For 2007, two emergency preparedness goals were (1) to get an idea of what it would involve to vaccinate all of Broomfield's first responders and their families, as in the event of an emergency and (2) determine the logistics of administering vaccines to a high risk population in Broomfield.

To satisfy those goals, on Oct. 30, staff administered 266 doses of flu vaccine to first responders and their family members of Broomfield Police, Emergency Dispatch, Health and Human Services, Public Works and North Metro Fire Rescue during a four hour walk-in clinic. Nurse volunteers were recruited to help administer the vaccine, and Health and Human Services Advisory Committee members and members of Broomfield Rotary assisted with the clinic. Prior to the clinic, a survey was sent to all first responders to determine the number of doses needed for children and adults for this clinic and in the event of an emergency.

Also, on Oct. 10, flu vaccines were administered to 22 faculty members at Bal Swan Preschool during a faculty meeting. On Nov. 8, there were 59 children, including children with special needs, and 33 parents who received the flu vaccine during a walk-in clinic at Bal Swan. On Nov. 9, an additional 73 children and 35 parents were vaccinated. Again, two nurse volunteers and

Broomfield Rotary members volunteered to help with these clinics.

An additional free walk-in flu clinic at HHS on Nov. 13, provided flu shots to Broomfield residents unable to receive the vaccine through any of the venues offering flu shots in the Broomfield area (Walgreens, Safeway, King Supers, Anthem, and Private MDs). Flu shots were administered to 132 adults and 83 children during this clinic.

These efforts resulted in 703 doses of flu vaccine administered - 420 doses to adults and 283 doses to children.

PUBLIC WORKS

Environmental Services: Staff participated in a recycling event at the Norman Smith Service Center the Saturday after Thanksgiving to collect used cooking oil and gather food donations for FISH. There were 44 participants who brought 267.7 gallons of used cooking oil. It filled six 55-gallon drums. Enough food was collected to fill four laundry basket size containers of food. The cooking oil is recycled into bio diesel fuel which is used in some of the department's vehicles.

The semi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Day in October, also at the Service Center, featured 30 staff and community volunteers from Environmental Services Division, North Metro Fire Rescue, and Broomfield High School National Honor Society working the event. The hazardous

items were collected from 305 households, up from 194 households in October 2006, and up from 286 households in May 2007.

The household hazardous material collected that day filled two 30-yard roll-off boxes and a semi trailer. The material was shipped off for recycling, fuel blending or proper disposal in a hazardous waste landfill. In addition to the chemical waste collected, Executive Recycling collected 12.9 tons of electronic waste for recycling, up from 5 tons during the Household Hazardous Waste day in May.

REVENUE

Senior Property Tax Work-off program volunteers are wrapping up another year. This program started in 2002 with 20 volunteers and has expanded to 40 participants. The program is designed to help senior residents work off a portion of their property taxes by volunteering for a maximum of 70 hours at minimum wage. The budget for 2007 is \$19,180, which allows for each volunteer to earn a total of \$479.50. The seniors pay their property taxes timely and receive a refund in November for the hours worked. Volunteers helped in a range of departments including HHS, Senior Services, Recreation, Community Development, Human Resources and Police. This program is determined annually on a first-come, first-served basis.

At the Audi ...

Broomfield Art Guild

The Guild's holiday art show at the Broomfield Auditorium Gallery continues through January 4. This key exhibit consists of 22 pieces. Media is an assortment of acrylic, oil, pastel, weaving, collage, ink, and water color on yupo paper. Sizes range from 12" x 12" to 24" x 36". View Free on Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. and during public events

Mark your calendar...

Dec. 19: Denver Municipal Band Holiday Benefit Concert, 7 p.m. Admission: non-perishable food or monetary donation to benefit Broomfield FISH.

Dec. 20: A Marian Christmas with St. Martin's Chamber Choir, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: adults \$18, seniors \$15, students \$10.

Dec. 23: Boulder Chamber Orchestra, 4 p.m. Tickets: www.boulderchamberorchestra.org/tickets.htm

Jan. 12: SCFD District wide Tier III Grant Information Workshop, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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