

City & County Manager's Report

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TO: Mayor Stuart and the Broomfield City Council

FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager



Annual tree lighting festivities are fun for one and all

The November 30 tree lighting brought out young and old alike for an evening of carols, laughs and Santa.

Broomfield's perpetual emcee, Paul Derda, at left in his reindeer hat, introduced Mayor Karen Stuart and the Broomfield City Council members who were present. They all led those in attendance in carols of the season.

Young violinists entertained inside the lobby of the City and County Building. Santa Claus had to hold onto his hat when he arrived in his helicopter. Later, youngsters were excited as they told Santa what they wanted for Christmas.

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Possible coyote-dog interaction reported

Police Dispatch and the Open Space and Trails Division are reporting a possible encounter between a walker, her dog and a coyote in the vicinity of The Falls at Legend Trail.

According to the report, on Dec. 10, at approximately 1 p.m., a woman was walking

her dog on a long chain leash near Plaster Reservoir when they encountered another animal.

The man reporting the incident afterwards had found the woman in their living room bleeding from the side of her face near her right eye, appearing dazed. The woman was taken to the hospital. At that time, she was not able to clearly report what had happened.

The next day, the woman was able to give a report of the incident. She had allowed her dog to go into the bushes to sniff around when she thinks it spooked a coyote. The dog ran after the animal, pulling the woman to the ground where she hit her head on rocks. The coyote took off and the woman and her dog returned home. While the woman was not sure it was a coyote, she thinks it must have been.

Collection sites are now open for tree recycling

This year, Broomfield has expanded its collection sites for residents who want to recycle their holiday trees, and they opened on Friday, Dec. 15. The sites will continue to be available for residents through Friday, Jan. 19.

Collection sites are marked with signs and orange fencing. They are intended only for natural holiday trees. Residents are advised to remove all ornaments and any metal from the trees. Yard waste, tree branches, or other wood products are not welcome at these sites.

The sites are:

- Bronco Park, Westlake Drive and Grove Circle. The tree drop-off is north of the backstop.
- Broadlands Park West, Sheridan Boulevard and Meadow Mountain Drive. The tree drop-off is on west side of the parking lot.
- Lac Amora Park, Miramonte Boulevard and Oak Circle North. The tree drop-off is west of the backstop.
- Community Park Ball Fields, Community Park Drive and Lamar. The tree drop-off is west of George Hall Field.
- Broomfield Recycling Center, 225
 Commerce St. at Industrial Lane. The tree drop-off is west of the recycle hins
- Meridian Park, McKay Circle and Park Cove Way in McKay Landing. The tree drop-off is located west of the backstop.
- A drop-off for the Anthem area will be located at the intersection of 160th Ave. and Lowell Blvd. on the west side of Lowell.

Free mulch from the trees will be available at Bronco Park located at Westlake Drive and Grove Circle, and at the Broomfield Recycling Center, 225 Commerce St.

Looking ahead

Broomfield government hours during the holidays:

December 22 through **25** – City and County offices and Health and Human Services offices closed, re-opening December 26.

December 22 – Broomfield Community Center open 5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Library open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

December 23 – Derda Center open 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Community Center closed all day, Library open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

December 24 – Derda Center open 8 a.m. to noon. Community Center closed all day. Library closed all day.

December 25 – Derda Center and Community Center closed all day. Library closed all day.

New Year's Eve, December 31 – Derda Center open regular hours 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Community Center closed all day. Library open 1 to 5 p.m.

New Year's Day, January 1 – Derda Center open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Community Center closed all day. Library closed all day.

Capital projects ...

Sheridan Boulevard underpass at Highland Park:

The underpass project is substantially complete. The remainder of the landscaping (sod) and irrigation system along the Sheridan Boulevard right-of-way will be completed in the spring when the Country Vista Park irrigation system is turned back on.



The contractor is completing the final clean up work, restoration seeding, and concrete staining for final completion of the project.

To be added to existing sidewalk are 330 feet of sidewalk along the south side of Highland Park Drive from Sheridan Blvd. to the existing sidewalk. This work is separate from the Sheridan Underpass contract and will likely be performed by ABCO Contracting, the contractor for Broomfield's 2006 Citywide Concrete Replacement project. The sidewalk will be installed in the near term during warmer weather periods.

Departmental updates ...

<u>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)</u>

Public Health Division - Public Health nurses received two grants to serve uninsured Broomfield women and infants. Linda Johnson received \$2,000 from the Broomfield Community Foundation to provide services to uninsured women in the HHS Reproductive Health Clinic. Leslie Felts received \$5,000 from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to participate in the National Infant Immunization Week Project in 2007.

Staff from Broomfield HHS made presentations at the National Association of Counties conference in Florida earlier this month. The presentations focused on youth

services provided by the Broomfield Workforce Center, and the HHS integrated service model.

Karen Beye, Becky Tierney and Frank Schoengarth represented Broomfield. A number of counties nationally expressed an interest in the integrated HHS model and, specifically, some Colorado counties also are interested in replicating it.

Broomfield Workforce Center – The center has implemented an electronic sign-in process for its customers. This method is convenient for customers and will allow the staff to maintain more precise numbers of who uses the Workforce Center, and the services they access.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Vote Centers were a success in the Primary Election. Now, it is time to repeat that success in the General Election.

In addition to repeating the planning and training that was involved in preparing for the Primary, IT staff will:

- 1. Upgrade the server for the voter registration software
- 2. Increase wireless security
- 3. Decrease the possibility of losing workstation connectivity at any Vote Center
- 4. Plan to quickly replace or add equipment at any Vote Center should equipment fail or to accommodate increased traffic.

RECREATION SERVICES

Athletics - Athletics is gearing up for youth programs beginning in January: Recreational Boys Baseball, and Winter Break Sports camps. There will be baseball and volleyball sports camps over the upcoming holiday break period.

- ➤ To date there are 1,095 youth registered for the recreational basketball program, and registrations are ongoing until the program begins in January. Anticipated enrollment will probably reach about 1,500 individuals.
- There are currently six competitive youth basketball teams.
- There were 63 participants in the Youth Volleyball Camp that finished the week of December 11.

Early Learning - There are 146 students presently enrolled in the Early Learning preschool program.

The door between the entrance of the Child Sitting room and the play area was repaired November 28. Child sitting employees are planning a holiday party.

Fitness – Group Fitness attendance numbers continue to increase:

November Group Fitness Participation:

<u>Year</u>	Derda Center	Community Center
2004	2525	1330
2005	3370	1400
2006	3916	1431

There were six groups for the first annual **Holiday Challenge**, and 58 participants completed the event. Originally, 60 were registered, but, to better meet their goals, two chose to do semi-private training instead of the group challenge.

An individual who had knee replacement surgery about a year ago reported recently that she has been taking **Ramp** at the Community Center because it doesn't bother her knees like step does.

She was in to see her surgeon and he asked what she has been doing differently since her last appointment. She told him about Ramp. He then told her that she should be doing it every week, because her results with mobility and strength are phenomenal.

At the Community Center's annual one-hour **Thanksgiving Day Workout**, 60 people participated from 8 to 9 a.m. — an all time high.

General interest – The Will-making Seminar had six participants, and Dog Obedience had 10 people enrolled.

Gymnastics - Class enrollments in gymnastics continue to climb each month:

September: 790 Participants October: 801 Participants November: 811 Participants

Seven new staff members have been hired, with more likely to come to cover the increased demand.

Last week, parents of the gymnasts were treated to a Holiday Show.

Trainings and clinics for CARA are being finalized for January.

Additional Parent-Tot Drop In gymnastics classes will be offered over Winter Break.

Senior and Active Adult programs – The three senior trips in November attracted 73 participants: the Artist's Studio Tour with 16, a casino trip with 37, and Supper Club with 20.

Senior Drop-In programs (Pinochle, Table Tennis, Jammers, Woodcarvers, Bridge, Photo club, Billiards and Genealogy) kept the center's Active Adults busy. There were 159 total participations in November.

Senior Special Events proved successful with 230 participants: Dancing at Lakeshore with 53, Holiday Bridge Tournament with 47 and Thanksgiving Dinner with 104. In November there were two Coffee Talks brought 26 participants to find out about "Taking the

Hassle out of Medicare Billing" and how to use digital cameras.

This year's Santa Cellar Craft Fair had 25 vendors who served about 200 shoppers. Santa was also there to visit with the children.

Youth and Teens – The "School's Out" one-day program on Friday, Nov. 10, was full at 21 participants with seven on the waitlist. The Red Cross Babysitting Training was full with 20 participants.

Summer Camp registration started and there were ten eight-week (full duration) participants signed up at the end of November.

Youth Pottery had nine participants.

At the Audi ...

CU in Broomfield' continues

"CU in Broomfield" is in its third season of collaboration for CU-Boulder's College of Music and Broomfield's Cultural Affairs Division. These performances are free and family-friendly.

The next concert is Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. This is the first of four concerts showcasing world music performed by members of the CU Boulder College of Music ethnomusicology faculty and student ensembles.

On January 10, Brenda M. Romero, associate professor of Ethnomusicology and chair of Musicology at CU Boulder, will join her guests presenting "New Mexican Folk Music."

The program will feature pantomimed *Matachines* music and dance, and other New Mexican folk music genres of Spanish and Indian origin, including the older folk music of New Mexico and southern Colorado.

The next scheduled programs are Wednesday, Feb. 14, with Paul Erhard and his double bass-flute *tabla* group in a musical program with roots in Asia, followed on Wednesday, March 14, with an evening of Brazilian, Jazz and World music, and April 11 featuring Kwasi Ampene and the West African Highlife Ensemble.

All performances begin at 7 p.m. in the Audi.

Happy Noon Year!

Youngsters can celebrate the New Year's holiday on Saturday, Dec. 30, 11:15 a.m. to noon, with the annual, free "Noon Year" concert and party at the Audi, sponsored by the Children's Library.

Families are invited to join juggler, dancer, actor and poet Peter Davison for a kinetic celebration of life unlike anything you've seen

before. From a rhythmic mix of juggling and drumming to dynamic choreography set to music to amazing interactions with household objects, Davison transforms the stage into a magical world of motion.

Everyone counts down to the new "Noon Year" at 12 o'clock sharp!

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 www.broomfieldauditorium.com

