



City and County of Broomfield, Colorado

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

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Summary
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Prior Council Action
N/A

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N/A

Proposed Actions/Recommendations
N/A



City & County Manager's Report

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FYI ...



Eggstravaganza!

Little ones in their Easter finery enjoyed the springtime weather and were excited to find their goodies at the annual Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 30. The annual event began with a march with the Easter Bunny from The Bay to John Shaw Field.

Afterwards, children ages 8 and under participated in the 19th annual Egg Scramble which began at noon.

Broomfield ranks eighth in Colorado for overall health outcomes

The fourth annual County Health Rankings were released March 20 by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and

the University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute, and Broomfield ranks eighth in Colorado for overall health outcomes and sixth in health factors.

Using a standard method to measure how healthy people are and how long they live, these rankings rate the overall health of nearly every county in all 50 states. The rankings are based on two sets of measures: health outcomes (length and quality of life); and health factors (health behaviors, access to and quality of clinical care, social and economic factors, and the physical environment).

According to the rankings, areas for Broomfield to explore were the 61 percent of restaurants that are fast food restaurants, the 22 percent of Broomfield adults who are obese, and the 14 percent of Broomfield adults who smoke.

Exploration of this information will help community leaders identify what is being done well and where improvement is needed to ensure that Broomfield is a healthy place to live, learn, work and play.

Dedication set for Lakeview Cemetery historic memorial on May 11

The Broomfield Cemetery Committee will dedicate the new Lakeview Cemetery Historic Memorial on Saturday, May 11 at 11 a.m. The cemetery is located at 200 Eagle Way, across from Broomfield High School.

The memorial is dedicated to the early homesteaders and residents of Broomfield who are known to have been



buried there and includes the names of the documented burials beginning in 1898 through the last recorded burial in 1954. Of the 125 documented burials at the cemetery, only 42 grave stones remain identifiable.

The memorial provides a glimpse into Broomfield's history and



County Health Rankings & Roadmaps
A Healthier Nation, County by County

Rank	Health Outcomes	Rank	Health Factors
1	Pitkin	1	Douglas
2	Douglas	2	Boulder
3	Eagle	3	Routt
4	Summit	4	Pitkin
5	Boulder	5	Summit
6	La Plata	6	Broomfield
7	Yuma	7	Ouray
8	Broomfield	8	Larimer
9	Larimer	9	San Miguel
10	Routt	10	Eagle

preserves the memories of the early residents whose grave markers no longer exist. It provides a place where family and friends can visit and reminisce about their ancestors and where school children can visit to learn of those who homesteaded and settled in the area.

This memorial was made possible through the efforts of the Broomfield Cemetery Committee, the generosity of Broomfield residents and the Broomfield Rotary Charitable Foundation.

Metzger Farm gets National Historic Register designation by U.S. Department of Interior

Staff received word last week that the Metzger Farm was officially listed on the National Register by the Department of the Interior on March 20.

The historic designation effort was a two-step process that took a year to complete. The first step was an application to get designation from the Colorado Historic Preservation Review Board. When that board approved the designation, the application was forwarded to the federal level which approved the national designation last month.

The 152-acre historic farmstead was acquired in a joint purchase by the City of Westminster and the City and County of Broomfield on May 1, 2006.

The Broomfield-Westminster Open Space Foundation was established by the two governmental entities to oversee the management of Metzger Farm. The property is in the city of Westminster though it is bordered by Broomfield on its north and west sides. Metzger Farm is located in the northeast corner of the intersection of Lowell Boulevard and West 120th Avenue.

New website set to go live on April 23

The new look coming to the City and County of Broomfield's website is scheduled to go live on April 23.

City staff members are in the final stages of a collaboration with CivicPlus, a Kansas company that specializes in designing and programming city and county websites and e-government interaction in the changing world of electronic information and communication.

The new website will feature "mega menus" with links that will more easily identify what's inside the site. Among the new offerings on the home page are a slide show of photographs of places in and around Broomfield, a list of news items, a calendar of activities and events and a "Spotlight" on a city or county event or activity that recently happened or will be happening soon. Also new are buttons

for quick access to the City Council, online services, information for businesses and other frequently accessed pages within the site.

Each department and division page will have contact information and links to reach the detailed information Broomfield web visitors have come to expect, according to Broomfield Manager of Web Based Communications Joel Radtke. What's on the Broomfield government website now will still be there, but packaged in a new look and feel, he said. In addition, the new site will be much more available and readable on smart phones, tablets and mobile devices to give web visitors access to local government at any time.

The new website will comply with the 2011 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and will implement a new Content Management System (CMS) to increase efficiency, timeliness and accuracy of information available to the public. The update will modernize the graphic design and navigation protocol to incorporate current best practices for a local government website.

Broomfield went online in 1998 with its first website. Changes to design and navigation took place in 2002, 2003 and 2007. In 2005, www.Broomfield.org became the official website domain name. As the website grew and progressed, new features evolved. Subscribers to Be-In-The-Loop receive more than 25,000 subscriber emails each month on more than 45 topics. Other features are online services for treasurer's tax look up, water bill payments, building permits, class registration, property searches, videos on demand, the ability to view Channel 8 programs live, and more. These will be available on the new site.

Broomfield's website is a major communications tool designed to engage and inform the community, provide information regarding economic development opportunities locally, and is a vehicle for dissemination of emergency information affecting residents and businesses.

Community Development staff recognized

Hans Jorgensen, Broomfield's engineering inspection construction supervisor, was selected to receive a 2013 Asphalt Technology Scholarship from American Public Works Association (APWA) and the Colorado Asphalt Pavement Association. He was one of seven recipients selected to attend the "Short Course in Asphalt Technology" at the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) at Auburn University in Alabama.

Rebecca Baker, Broomfield civil engineer, and the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (UDFCD) won an APWA award for the Alexx and Michael's Pond Pump

Station Project in the Westlake neighborhood. A pump station was installed at the pond to allow Broomfield to control the pond water level and protect the trees and vegetation along the north side of the pond. The project also includes two recirculation wells.

Recreation Services debuts 'Just for Girls'

Recreation Services is offering a new class this spring at the Paul Derda Recreation Center for sixth and seventh grade girls entitled "Just for Girls." The new class will focus on exercise, movement, nutrition, how to relieve stress, build self-esteem and create healthy habits to last a lifetime.

Classes will be Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. from April 10 through May 15. Cost is \$75 for residents and \$90 for non residents. Register at <http://econnect.ci.broomfield.co.us/econnect> using code 55326.

Each girl will receive a journal to help her incorporate a home connection with the topics that will be covered in class. Girls will also receive their weight room certification during the course to ensure their success after the course ends.

Broomfield hosts Chamber leadership group

Broomfield staff recently hosted a Broomfield government day for *Leadership Broomfield*, the Chamber of Commerce leadership program.

The day began with a welcome from Mayor Pat Quinn who spoke of his experiences running for office and fulfillment he has experienced through serving the residents of Broomfield. He was joined by Councilmember Dennis McCloskey who discussed the importance of involvement and the camaraderie of the sitting council.

Next was "Broomfield 101" from City and County Manager Charles Ozaki who spoke about home rule government, the Broomfield Charter, who does what, what it's like for a city to run a county and the ins and outs of putting together a unique and combined city and county government. He concluded with lessons learned the past 12 years since Broomfield became a county.

Department representatives then gave a brief outline of what their departments are responsible for and the work they do. The Chamber group then went to the Police Department for a briefing on the responsibilities of the combined police and sheriff department and a tour of police headquarters.

After the tour, the group walked to the Library and met with staff to learn about the offerings of the library and the availability of arts and cultural programs presented at the Broomfield Auditorium, and then took a tour of the building.

The group then walked to the North Metro Fire Rescue Administration building for a tour and briefing from command staff there.

The city and county portion of the day was coordinated with Chamber President Jennifer Kerr by Rosann Doran, public information director.

Broomfield videos viewable online

Recent videos produced by the Video Productions Division can be viewed on the various outlets Broomfield uses. These include on demand from the Broomfield website, and links on YouTube, and Facebook. The videos range in length from three to 15 minutes.

Several videos have been produced in partnership with the Broomfield Chamber of Commerce and are hosted by Chamber President Jennifer Kerr. Entitled *Broomfield Business Buzz*, they feature unique local businesses in Broomfield. The most recent episode highlights Redstone College. It can be seen on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8NsUBvkuqU&feature=share&list=UU-T6QviN2DdZ01CJatvYIPQ>

A video produced for the library about A.R.F – Afternoon Reading Fun, shows kids developing confidence in their reading skills by reading out loud to a trained therapy dog at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library. It can be found on You Tube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uH41-r1plvA&feature=share&list=UU-T6QviN2DdZ01CJatvYIPQ>. It can also be seen from Facebook and on demand via Broomfield's webpage at www.broomfield.org.

Every two weeks, the *Inside Broomfield* program relays upcoming events and activities in Broomfield. It can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wScyfu8jNk&feature=share&list=UU-T6QviN2DdZ01CJatvYIPQ>

Finally, a video produced by local skate shop Crisis Skateboards in partnership with Broomfield Video Productions focuses on the Broomfield Skate Park. Crisis riders wanted to promote how skaters can do their part in keeping the skate park clean and free of debris and thereby improving safety for skatepark users. This video can be found on Broomfield's Facebook page and on the Crisis Skateboards You Tube page at <http://youtube.com/JIzYzRTkJel>

Public Works water system flushing on track

The 2013 Water Distribution System Flushing program began last week and will be continuing through the first week of May. This program is performed annually to ensure delivery of high-quality water to customers. Crews are working throughout the city, flushing a different section of the water distribution system each week.

The flushing process is performed by systematically opening fire hydrants throughout the city. Flushing requires the discharge of a large amount of water to create a "scouring" effect on the inside of the pipes to remove possible sediment where bacteria may form. The process improves the taste and odor qualities of the water and helps maintain levels of chlorine, which is used as a disinfectant in the water system.

Since the flushing operation scours the pipes of sediment, residents may experience some discoloration in their water temporarily. Although unpleasant to look at, the water is safe to drink. The water should clear up once the system settles down, usually within 24 hours.

Concurrent with this year's program, staff will also perform pressure tests at each hydrant location. These tests are

required by the Insurance Service Office, Inc. (ISO) to rate the city's fire suppression system. The ISO rating, ranging from 1 to 10 with 1 being the best, has a direct effect on both residential and commercial insurance rates within the Fire District. Broomfield's present rating is 4, which is considered to be good.

Flushing operations require the use of approximately 15 million gallons of water. Business, commercial, industrial, and other high traffic areas will be flushed at night between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. to minimize inconvenience to residents.

Residential and lower traffic areas will be flushed during regular working hours. The remaining schedule for flushing various areas is listed below.

- **Week Two:** Sheridan Boulevard to west city limits
- **Week Three:** U.S. 287 to Sheridan Boulevard, between 10th Avenue and south city limits
- **Week Four:** Sheridan Boulevard to Zuni Street, north of 120th Avenue and south of 136th Avenue
- **Week Five:** Sheridan Boulevard to Zuni Street, north of 136th Avenue to Highway 7 (Anthem area)

Looking ahead

Mental health forum scheduled April 17

Broomfield's Health and Human Services Department, Mental Health Partners and the National Alliance on Mental Health have scheduled a panel discussion for the public to help increase awareness of mental health issues. The event is Wednesday, April 17, at the Broomfield Community Center, 280 Lamar Street, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

A panel of local experts in the mental health community will discuss mental health and present services and resources that are available. Anyone interested in this topic is welcome to stop by and participate.

For more information, call 720.887.2250.

Veterans plan annual Memorial Day picnic

The Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum will be hosting their seventh annual Memorial Day picnic on Monday, May 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the pavilion at Broomfield County Commons Park at the corner of Sheridan Boulevard and Broomfield Commons Drive (13th Avenue).

The free event will feature musical performances by the Broomfield Civic Chorus and members of the Broomfield Symphony Orchestra, free ice cream from Higgy's Ice Cream Shoppe, and an outdoor exhibit featuring military uniforms and restored World War II era vehicles. The public is invited to bring picnics or purchase burgers and hotdogs grilled by the Broomfield Lions Club.

For further information visit the Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum website at <http://broomfieldveterans.wordpress.com/>, email the museum at broomfieldveterans@gmail.com, or call Vance Rasmussen at 303.902.6521.

The Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum, at 12 Garden Center in Broomfield, is normally open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment during the week for group tours by calling 303.460.6801.

Arbor Day tree plantings planned

Park and school tree plantings are planned at several Broomfield locations during the week of April 15 to 19 to

celebrate Arbor Day (weather permitting). Residents are invited to attend.

Call Tom Wells, Broomfield forester, at 303.464.5651 or email him at twells@broomfield.org for days, times and locations.

Earth Day science camp just for kids

Broomfield's Environmental Services, Stormwater, and Park Services divisions are hosting an Earth Day science camp for kids on Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Lakeshore Room in the Broomfield Community Center, 280 Lamar Street.

Only 50 slots are available for children ages 6 to 12 to be dropped off for a morning of science experiments, games and learning about the environment. The activity is free, and a goodie bag will be given to each child. Register with Environmental Services at 303.438.6329 or email sgarcia@broomfield.org.

Household Hazardous Waste collection set

The Public Works Environmental Services Division is again sponsoring the spring Household Hazardous Waste collection program by appointment only on Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Norman Smith Service Center, 3001 West 124th Avenue.

Environmental Services provides this program only for Broomfield residents to dispose of household hazardous waste and electronic waste free of charge. Additional information and instructions will be provided when the appointment is confirmed.

For an appointment, call 303.438.6334. For additional information email sgarcia@broomfield.org or call 303.438.6329

At the Library

Pathways to Parenting Success addresses anxiety in children, adolescents

The Pathways to Parenting Success series will feature Linda Cain, MSED; Susan Denison, LCSW and Debbie Mayer, LCW in a discussion for parents to increase their awareness and understanding of anxiety disorders for children and adolescents. Information will range from symptoms to treatment options.

The workshop is scheduled April 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library, 3 Community Park Road. Information is available by calling

720.217.3270 or by visiting <http://boulderpsychologicalservice.com>.

National Library Week April 14-20

"Communities" is the theme of this year's National Library Week, April 14 to 20. The Mamie Doud Eisenhower Library will be joining in celebrating National Library Week.

Plans for the week include a bookmark contest in the children's department. The winners will have their bookmarks used for the Summer Reading Program. The teen department is presenting a program on Metal Stamped Bookmarks and will be using metal stamping techniques to make bookmarks on Saturday, April 20, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Two new READ posters will also launch during National Library Week. One will feature the Afternoon Reading Fun (ARF) dogs and the other Ira Diamond, a volunteer computer tutor.

Libraries historically serve as the nation's great equalizers of knowledge, and their strength is in the diversity of collections and commitment to serving all people. The annual week celebrates the importance of libraries in communities

Mark the calendar:

- **April 13:** Shred-It event at 6 Garden Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Per-vehicle limit of three boxes weighing no more than 35 pounds. Shred-It will also take up to three 32-gallon trash bags of shredded paper.
- **April 27:** It's not safe to flush prescription drugs down the toilet or throw them in the household trash so Broomfield's Environmental Services Division and Police Department are partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration in its Prescription Drug Take-Back Program.

The event will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Broomfield Recycling Center, 225 Commerce Street. Residents may bring unwanted or expired prescription drugs (liquid or solid) for safe disposal with no questions asked. No appointment is necessary. Intravenous solutions, injectables, needles and illicit substances will NOT be accepted. The location is the Norman Smith Service Center, 3001 West 124th Avenue. For more information, contact Shirley Garcia at 303.438.6329 or by email at sgarcia@broomfield.org.

May 3: Meals on Wheels Basket Auction, 6:30 p.m. This year marks the 13th annual Meals on Wheels Basket Auction to benefit Broomfield Meals on Wheels. The silent

auction begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by a live auction. Appetizers and libations will be served. Senior Services staff and Senior Resources of Broomfield, Inc. appreciate the community’s support of this worthwhile event. For more information or to donate a basket, contact the Senior Center at 303.464.5526.

May 10: Bring Mom, or come and remember her, to the Lakeshore Café Mother’s Day luncheon at noon. The menu is a special slow-simmered beef and entertainment is provided. Registration is required. Call 303.464.5526 to register. Cost is \$6 for residents and \$7.50 for non residents.

Broomfield Spring Cleanup coming soon!

Broomfield’s annual Spring Cleanup dates for this year are Saturdays, April 27, May 4 and May 11.

Broomfield Rotary Clubs and ARC will again provide front porch pick up of tagged donations, and large, non-

hazardous waste items will be picked up at the curb for recycling or taken to a landfill.

Residents are encouraged to visit the Broomfield website at www.broomfield.org for details and to see maps of the various areas of the city and when the cleanup will be scheduled for each area. Information and details will also be posted on Broomfield’s Channel 8 community calendar and in the *Broomfield Enterprise*.

At the 1STBANK Center

- **April 14:** Frank Shorter Race4Kids, 9 a.m.
- **April 27:** Roller Dolls inaugural Colorado Cup Roller Derby Tournament, 9 a.m.
- **April 30:** Rodriguez with Jenny O, 8 p.m.
- **May 28:** An Evening with Soundgarden, 8:30 p.m.

For tickets visit www.tickethorse.com or call 1.866.461.6556.

Departmental updates ...

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER

The Community Assistance Center (CAC) is a function of the City and County Manager’s Office. The three employees of the center provide an initial point of contact for visitors, act as liaisons between residents and staff in assisting in the resolution of concerns, and provide other services. The quarterly information below indicates the numbers of contacts handled at the CAC.

Contact Information Estimates*	Q1	YTD Total
Phone calls	5,852	5,852
Front Counter contacts	4,692	4,692
Emails handled	1,732	1,732
Total CAC contacts	12,276	12,276
Welcome packets mailed to residents/businesses	276	276
Passport applications processed and accepted	624	624
Notary services performed	28	28
Resident concerns tracked	105	105
Pet licenses issued	59	59

A more detailed report is available through the City and County Manager’s Office.

COMMUNICATIONS

From January through March, Broomfield’s website saw 728,417 user sessions and 1,656,716 page views. The top 10 pages, with the number of page views for that same time period are:

Page	Q1 Views
Home Page	124,280
Library	53,424
Employment	39,488
Recreation Home	32,760
Paul Derda Recreation Center	21,788
News Briefs	20,360
Assessor	15,829
Parcel search and tax inquiry	14,183
Utility Billing	9,553
Police	8,432

Broomfield’s Facebook showed 1,049 “likes,” up by 78 since the last report, and Twitter had 823 “followers,” compared to 748 previously.

Videos on the Broomfieldgov YouTube Channel have been watched 86,425 times, with 2,947 views since December. Archived City Council meetings have been viewed 547 times in the last three months.

Top videos in the fourth quarter were the Workforce Center, police videos including: the Detention Center and Police Department recruitment; the City Council meetings on Jan. 8 and Feb. 26;; Broomfield Auditorium Tour; and Paul Derda Recreation Center (PDRC) videos, patrons talk about the PDRC and Touring the PDRC.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

Workforce Center – Hiring events and Job Club activities continued in March. The following tables give a snapshot of these activities and the number of people served.

Hiring Events

Employer	Position(s)	Attendees
Advantage Sales and Marketing	Events Specialist, PT	10
CMG	Production	3
CMG	Production	9
CMG	Production	10
Youth Resource and Hiring Event	Various	250 Youth 30 Employers

Job Club

Date	Title	Attendees
3/5/2013	Experienced Workers	35
3/12/2013	Interview Skills	30
3/19/2013	30 Mistakes	25
3/26/2013	Winning Resumes	31

RECREATION SERVICES

'Hearts to Hearts' training – On Valentine's Day, Broomfield Recreation Services' Aquatics staff trained the members of the Parks Division staff on how to respond to a cardiac emergency. While the title for the training was a play on words in honor of the popular holiday, it stood for the importance of understanding the principles of CPR/AED and First Aid training. Participants were shown how to administer CPR, use the AED devices and administer first aid in emergency situations. Instructors and students came away from this training with an increased sense of inter-departmental camaraderie and increased knowledge of emergency action principles.

Aquatics – Safety in the pools, facilities and at outside activities is a top priority with Broomfield Recreation Services. Recreation staff trains regularly, to deal with various situations that can occur. The Aquatics management team recently began inviting all Recreation staff to attend their lifeguard safety trainings to increase awareness and skills "across the board" with employees.

This training includes hands-on practicing taking staff through scenarios that can take place in a public

recreation center. Some of the scenarios include CPR, seizures on land and in water, near drowning and other sudden illnesses like a diabetic emergency, fainting, stroke, shock, nosebleed, muscle, bone and joint injuries, caring for open fractures and wounds, and heart attack.

Before the drills are performed and to avoid undue cause for alarm, customers are notified in writing, verbally and over the PA systems.

Child Sitting – At its February team meeting, the child sitting staff from the Paul Derda Recreation Center purchased and served pizza and dessert to about 45 resident seniors at the Salvation Army Silver Crest senior residential building. Afterwards, residents received Valentine's Day cards made by kids in the child sitting program.

A new online child sitting reservation/cancellation system will begin in late April or early May. Child sitting staff is currently being trained on how the new system will work. Training has focused on what the process looks like to parents when they log in to reserve a slot, cancel or change a time slot for their child in the child sitting program at the Derda Center. Next, staff will receive training on how the process will work from the child sitting room perspective.

Starting movement and exercise early in life is a new focus in the child sitting program to teach kids a healthy lifestyle right from the first stages of life. Recently acquired for the child sitting room are exercise videos geared toward the kids. "Yoga Motion" is proving to be very popular with the little ones, and encourages a life-long yoga journey that kids can incorporate into their exercise routines through the years.

Early Learning – During the months of February and March, the Early Preschool program held its registration for the Fall 2013 preschool sessions. The Early Learning program includes Early Little Learners, Little Learners Plus, Early Explorers Plus, Expedition into Phonics and Journey to Kindergarten Class. Registration was a success with only a few slots remaining open.

During the week of Feb. 19 to 22, Early Learning classes focused on community helpers and parents' careers.

Many parents were able to attend the classes to talk about and demonstrate various aspects of their careers. The Police and North Metro Fire departments attended classes, displayed their emergency vehicles and thoroughly pleased the eager little learners.

Gymnastics – The Gymnastics staff will host three competitive meets at the Paul Derda Recreation Center.

On April 20, the Broomfield Invitational will bring teams from Broomfield, Aurora, South Suburban, Thornton, Gunnison, Foothills and Commerce City to the center for a team-score meet where scores are earned by teams and not individual participants. Trophies will be awarded to teams performing the best.

May 11 and June 1 are the dates for the Colorado Association of Recreational Athletes (CARA) regional qualifying meets. Gymnasts from outlying communities and Broomfield will compete to qualify for the upcoming regional meets on July 12 and 13, 2013.

Gymnastics staff ran two single-session mini-camps during spring break week. There were 32 kids who participated and had a great time learning valuable gymnastics skills.

Therapeutic Recreation – Recreation's Service's Special Olympics basketball team completed the season with a

first place standing in a division of six teams at the regional tournament in Loveland at the Budweiser Event Center.

This winter, the team played in a Tuesday night unified league where three Special Olympic athletes paired with two coaches on the floor at the same time to help facilitate the game. Earning this first-place standing in Loveland was a great way for the team to finish the basketball season.

"Game Night at the Derd" is an increasingly popular program which affords young adults with developmental disabilities an opportunity to socialize with friends and meet new ones. It takes place on Saturday nights at the Derda Center and offers a wide variety of options that can include swimming, rock wall climbing, basketball, Wii games, game room, arts and crafts along with a dinner to share. This program seems to increase in enrollment each time it is offered.

At the Audi..

In the gallery...

Artist LaVanda Mireles' work will hang in the gallery to May 12.

The gallery is located in the lobby of the Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road. Gallery hours are Thursdays 2 to 6 p.m. and Fridays 2 to 5 p.m., Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. and during auditorium events.

PHAMALY presents 'Velveteen Rabbit'

PHAMALY (Physically Handicapped Actors and Musical Artist League) returns to the Broomfield Auditorium Friday April 12, at 7pm. This performance will be a musical version of popular children's story, *The Velveteen Rabbit*.

There is a suggested \$5 donation at the door.

PHAMALY Theatre Company is proud to present its newest touring musical for the whole family. See the *Velveteen Rabbit*, the most modest toy in the nursery, earn



the love of a young boy and learn about the joy and pain of becoming "real."

Margery Williams' classic book springs to magical life in this enchanting musical about love, loss and self-esteem with lyrics by James Still and music by Jimmy Roberts. This one hour family-friendly musical takes on a new dimension of love, acceptance, and true humanity as presented by the award-winning PHAMALY Theatre Company.

Don't miss the chance to hear some of Colorado's best award-winning voices in this special appearance at the Broomfield Auditorium.

Now in its 24th season, PHAMALY'S mission is to provide professional theatre opportunities and artistic development for performers with disabilities, and to promote the inclusion of people with disabilities in the performing arts community.

For more information contact Cultural Affairs 303.464.5835 or 720.887.2371.

Mark the calendar:

- **April 12:** Imagination Makers Theater Company presents "The Journal of Abby Munson." 12:15 p.m. This play tells the tale of one unconventional and creative kid in her own words, and promotes honoring the talents and diversity of all. Tickets: \$5 at the door.

- **April 13:** Marvelous Musicales. 4 p.m. This activity is an opportunity for music students of all ages to perform on the stage and use the Audi's grand piano, either by solo performance or accompaniment. Folk, jazz, classical and contemporary music are welcome, along with musical theater. The show is free, but donations are gratefully received.
- **April 14:** Boulder Chorale presents "American Traditions: Songs from the Stage and Beyond" featuring the Boulder Children's Chorale Bel Canto and Preparatory Choirs 1 and 2. 4 p.m. Tickets: adults \$10, \$12 at the door; seniors \$8, \$10 at the door; students and military \$8; youth ages 4 to 12 \$4. Purchase tickets at www.boulderchorale.org/tickets.php
- **April 17:** Dawson Wallace Dance Project presents "A Children's Rainforest Odyssey," 7 p.m. Tickets: \$10/\$5 from www.brownpapertickets.com/event/290178
- **April 20:** Rene Heredia presents Flamenco Fantasy Dance Theater, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.
- **April 27:** Ballet Nouveau Colorado Outreach presents "Carry On," lecture and demonstration. Noon. Free.
- **April 27:** Aster Women's Chamber Choir presents "Ain't Misbehavin'" at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15/\$10 at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/312804.
- **May 1:** Fiesta Colorado Dance Company presents "Mexican Folkloric, Flamenco and Spanish Classical Dance." 7 p.m. Free.
- **May 2:** Denver North Metro Rotary Foundation presents "The Cry of the Children: A Concert for Uganda," 7 p.m. Tickets: \$15 adult, \$10 seniors and children 10 to 18, under 10 free.
- **May 3:** Sing P'zazz presents "P, B, 'n' J Pop, Broadway and Jazz" featuring the P'zazz Children's Choir and Dynamix Singers. 7 p.m. Tickets: \$15/\$10
- **May 4:** The school of Ballet Nouveau Colorado presents "In the Along," 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10/\$7/\$5 at the door or at www.bncdance.com.
- **May 5:** Denver North Metro Rotary Foundation presents "The Cry of the Children: A Concert for Uganda," 7 p.m. Tickets: \$15 adult, \$10 seniors and children 10 to 18, under 10 free.
- **May 9:** Enlightenment Journeys presents A Conversation with Tony Bottagaro, 7 p.m. Free. RSVP at 720.887.2350. Location is the Eisenhower Room, library second floor.
- **May 10:** Cultural Affairs presents the New Time Ensemble's "Innovative Celtic Music." 7 p.m. Tickets: \$10/\$5 from www.brownpapertickets.com.
- **May 11:** Boulder Chamber Orchestra presents "Spirit and Gold," 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25/\$18/\$12 from boulderchamberorchestra.org/tickets.html
- **May 12:** Polish Folk Dancers Krakowiacy present a Gala Concert, 3 p.m. Tickets: \$10/\$5.
- **May 16 and 18:** Broomfield Symphony Orchestra presents "A Night in Vienna," 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15/\$12/\$10/\$6 from www.broomfieldsymphony.org
- **May 19:** Studio Academy of Dance presents "Discovering Studio D's Hidden Treasures" at 1 and 6 p.m. Tickets: \$10 advance, \$13 at the door

