



City & County Manager's Report

May 25, 2010

TO: Mayor Patrick Quinn and the Broomfield City Council

FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

Cleanup serves thousands, collects over 400 tons of material

Broomfield's 2010 curbside Spring Cleanup served 2,875 households and collected 409.63 tons of material. Over 165 tons of the material, including scrap metal, wood, branches, and electronic waste, were recycled and diverted from the landfill.

For this year's event, the Public Works Department contracted with Western Disposal Services to collect large non-hazardous items and electronic waste from Broomfield households on three consecutive Saturdays, April 24, May 1 and May 8. Pick-ups started at 7 a.m., and the last routes were completed by 3 p.m. each Saturday.

Rotary Clubs of Broomfield and ARC Thrift Store collected three 45-foot trailers and one 28-foot trailer of reusable items – an equivalent of 45 tons of reusable material. The estimated retail value of the reusable items is approximately \$85,000. Proceeds from the sale of these items will benefit Rotary and ARC. Less than 5 percent of the material collected was not reusable.

Hazardous waste drop-off draws wide volunteer base

The semi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Day event on May 8 brought 30 staff volunteers from Environmental Services Division, Stormwater Division, Waste Water Division, and more from the North Metro fire department, Broomfield High School National Honor Society and a few community volunteers.

Residents began coming at 8 a.m. to drop off their household hazardous wastes, and the last scheduled appointment was at noon. Hazardous items were collected from 514 households, and the material collected filled a 20 yard roll-off box

and a semi trailer. This material was shipped for recycling, fuel blending or proper disposal in a hazardous waste landfill.

Metech, electronic material recycler, collected another 14.41 tons (28,821 pounds) of electronic waste for recycling.



Electronic waste was collected for recycling.

The next Household Hazardous Waste event is scheduled this fall on October 2.

Flags to be retired on June 14

The Broomfield Veterans memorial Museum is hosting a flag retirement ceremony with North Metro Fire Rescue District on June 14 at 6 p.m.

Residents are asked to bring flags to be retired to the Veterans Museum at 12 Garden Center between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. or to Fire Station 61 at 1275 Midway Blvd. between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the weeks before the ceremony.

The flag retirement ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. on Flag Day, June 14, at Fire Station 61 on Midway Blvd.

Summer Sundays begin at Brunner House June 13

The Broomfield Council on the Arts and Humanities is again presenting Summer Sundays at the Brunner House. This year, three Sundays will bring the 100-year-old farmhouse alive with carnival and entertainment fun for all ages.

On June 13, a carnival from 4 to 6 p.m. with games, prizes, food and fun is followed by a concert from 6 to 8 p.m. of Dixieland and Swing music featuring Albert Galli. His solo performance is backed up with pre-recorded tracks played by The Electrons.

On July 11, the carnival from 4 to 6 p.m. is followed by a concert from 6 to 8 p.m. of bluegrass music with Martin Gilmore and members of his Long Road Home band bringing high-energy bluegrass and incredible crosspicking and melancholy fiddling.

On August 8, a carnival with games, prizes, food and art for kids from 4 to 6 p.m. is followed by a free concert from 6 to 8 p.m. by the Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra featuring Denver's finest jazz musicians. There is something for everyone as this 18-piece band plays tunes from the 40s through the 90s to cap another summer of special Sundays at the Brunner House.

FYI

April Arbor Day events plant trees all over town

Public Works crews planted 14 trees during Arbor Day activities April 12 to 21, according to city forester Tom Wells.

Five local schools participated: Ryan Elementary, Emerald Elementary, Coyote Ridge Elementary, Legacy High School and Mountain View Elementary. About 450 students were involved in the school Arbor Day programs.

On Friday, April 16, at the Emerald Elementary Arbor Day program, the Colorado State Forest Service awarded Broomfield its 20th Tree City USA award. Emerald School was chosen for the ceremony because it was the first school to celebrate Arbor Day with the city.

Four other groups, including two Daisy Scout troops, a Cub Scout Pack and Bal Swan Children's Center, also participated in the annual tree-planting program.

Wells also spoke at an Arbor Day tree planting hosted by Pulte Homes in Anthem.



Tom Wells, city forester, guides a tree-planting effort at Bal Swan Children's Center.

Water quality report goes out in June with water bills

Broomfield water customers will receive a brochure with their monthly water bills containing information summarizing the quality of

Broomfield's drinking water during the 2009 calendar year.



This report fulfills a regulatory requirement established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1998. Community water systems are required to distribute an annual Consumer Confidence Report containing specific information about drinking water contaminants,

possible contaminant sources, water sources, type of treatment, and health risks.

Broomfield's 2009 report summarizes the monitoring results and includes water quality information for both the Broomfield and Denver supplies.

As required by the regulation, the report lists the highest contaminant levels detected in drinking water that customers could have received during the previous calendar year. If the level reported for Denver Water was equal to or greater than Broomfield's level, then Denver's data are listed in the table. This data is identified by footnotes in the report.

The monitoring results contained in the report confirm the high quality of Broomfield's drinking water. Last year, as in years past, Broomfield drinking water met or surpassed all of the applicable standards for the protection of public

health, and the recommended levels for aesthetic qualities.

The Water Quality Report is distributed to all individually billed water customers in the June water bills. To reach consumers whose water charges go through a master meter, Public Works personnel deliver the reports to apartment complexes and mobile home parks, and place copies in city locations including the Library and City and County Building.

The report is also posted on the City and County Web site, along with additional information that may be of interest to the community.

Broomfield librarians present at state conferences

Broomfield young adult librarians Gigi Yang and Fran Jenner presented at the 22nd annual Colorado Teen Literature Conference in April at the Auraria Campus, Denver. Their talk was on "New Young Adult Book Bundles." The pair have been attracting a lot of attention for their implementation of this clever way to promote books to teens.

Children's Librarian Susan Person was a speaker at the Colorado Library Consortium spring workshop in April in Pueblo. Her talk was on using non-fiction books in early childhood story times.

Looking ahead

Open house set for wildlife policy

Broomfield's Open Space and Trails Division is hosting an open house on Wednesday, May 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. to present the draft "Coexistence with Wildlife Policy."

Residents are invited to attend the open house and offer their comments. The open house is scheduled in the Zang's Spur and Bal Swan meeting rooms in the City and County Building.

The Open Space and Trails Advisory and Parks and Recreation Advisory committees have worked with the Colorado Division of Wildlife and city staff in developing the draft policy. Comments may be

presented at the open house on May 26 or in writing if submitted by 5 p.m. May 31.

The policy is also available on the Broomfield Web site at <http://www.broomfield.org/openspace/>.

For more information, call 303.464.5803.

Trails Day coming soon

On Saturday, June 5, Broomfield will celebrate the ninth annual Broomfield Trail Adventure in conjunction with National Trails Day to heighten awareness of how trails enhance quality of life.

This year the event will begin at the Anthem Highlands Parkside Community Center, 3624

Parkside Center Drive (near Colorado 7 and Lowell Blvd.).

There will be a 2.5-mile trail loop and a 1-mile trail loop for families, both of which will showcase the new trails throughout the Anthem neighborhood. Bicyclists will also be able to take a 6-mile trail loop through the Anthem area.

This event will coincide with the 2010 Children's Wellness Day, under a shared motto: "Follow the Trail to Family Wellness."

The Broomfield Trail Adventure will begin at 8 a.m. and will conclude at 10 a.m. The Children's Wellness Day program begins at 10 a.m. and goes to noon. Also supporting the activities are several city departments including Health and Human Services, Recreation Services, Cultural Affairs, and Public Works.

A variety of educational and interpretive tables and displays include the Broomfield Nature Program, Broomfield Open Space Foundation, CSU-Extension, Golden Bear Bikes, University of Colorado Hospital, and a bone marrow donor drive.

This event will also be a zero waste event with the help of Broomfield's Environmental Services and volunteers. Participants will be treated to refreshments, t-shirts, and prizes at the event. Many local sponsors are donating to the event and are identified on the Children's Wellness Day program.

Children's Wellness Day is organized by *Healthy Learning Paths* and a committee of community volunteers. The program for the event includes the Broomfield Trail Adventure, t-shirts, children's safety programs, family wellness programs, and a bicycle rodeo. There is also an essay contest for Broomfield youth with cash prizes to be awarded at the event.

June 9: see 'Einstein and Niels Bohr - A Fairy Tale' at the Audi

Broomfield Cultural Affairs is bringing a celebration of the relationship between Albert Einstein and Niels Bohr to the Auditorium on June 9 at 7p.m.

Einstein and Bohr, two giants of 20th Century physics, are celebrated for their mighty minds, but their lives are far richer. They were both reared with fairy tales so they learned at an early age to believe impossible things. That faith in wonder

carried over to their work in physics and nurtured a sensibility that found expression in things large and small over the course of their lives.

This theatre piece, written, directed and produced by local performer Len Barron, shares stories that include their thoughts and practices regarding children, education, peace and justice, walking, sailing, and their work habits – all grounded in their devotion to fairness, beauty and playfulness.

An educator, playwright, director, performer, writer, dancer, and kitsch gardener, Barron began college when he was 30 years old after years of hauling scrap iron, selling magazines and driving a taxi. Since graduating from the University of Colorado in 1967 and Antioch-Putney Graduate School in 1969, he has been engaged in various education projects that include founding and directing a school for former high school dropouts and teaching at the University of Colorado, San Diego State University, Prescott College in Arizona and Dull Knife Memorial College on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Montana. For 10 years he was an interviewer on KGNU, community radio in Boulder, Colorado.

Since creating the Einstein theatre piece, *Walking Lightly*, Barron has also given talks and workshops for students and faculty, at all levels, sharing Einstein's perspective on education and making a life.

Beyond his work in schools, Barron has worked with science museums and community theatres, churches and synagogues, and in corporate settings. Whether presenting for fourth-graders or teachers or plasma physicists or corporate officials, the thread that runs throughout his work is a mix of fairness, beauty and playfulness - the principles that governed the daily life of Albert Einstein.

Fairness, beauty, and playfulness make for a beautiful equation, an $E=mc^2$ for the 21st century. The proof? Find anyone whose life is grounded in these qualities and be in the company of someone who lives a fertile life and is dearly loved.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, and are available at the Broomfield Auditorium Box Office Thursdays and Fridays from 2 to 6 p.m.

For more information contact Cultural Affairs at 303.464.5835 or 720.887.2371.

At the Library:**Summer Reading begins June 1**

The Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library's Summer Reading programs begin June 1 and continue through the summer. Theme for the adult program is "Water your mind. Read!" and for the teen program it's "Make waves." The children's program theme is "Make a splash." To participate, register beginning June 1.

Teens in grades 6 to 12 are asked to complete a reading log. To reach each level, they must read six hours and then bring in the reading log to collect a prize. Weekly drawings will give away movie passes and other goodies. Teens can also enter to win one of three grand prize baskets of books, DVDs and coupons.

Adults are asked to register and receive a packet of Botanical Interests seeds. Then, adults are asked to read three books and bring in their card to win prizes.

The Children's Summer Reading Program is open to babies, preschoolers and kids entering kindergarten through fifth grade. Register in the Children's Library.

Ongoing: Conversation Groups @ your library on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m.

English Language Classes for beginners Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and Monday and Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Intermediate classes are Monday and Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Advanced classes are Thursday and Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Check at the Reference Desk for openings.

Computer Tutoring is available by calling 720.887.2350 or visit the Reference Desk to schedule. Students meet with a tutor for one to four one-hour sessions. Tutors cover computer fundamentals including basic e-mail, Internet searches, and Windows XP 2002 software including Word and Excel.

Computer skills tutorials are also available through the LearningExpress Library. They are accessible at the library or from a home computer. Go to www.broomfieldlibrary.org and click "Online Resources/Databases" then scroll to LearningExpress Library and choose "Computer Skills."

Capital projects ...***Broomfield Community Center Boiler and Pump Room Replacement***

This project included a 500 square foot expansion to the existing Community Center facility to house the new boilers, pool filter, pumps, surge tank, chlorinator and other mechanical equipment. The project is complete.

Detention Center Expansion

City Council approved the guaranteed maximum price agreement with Haselden Construction for the Detention Center expansion in July of 2009. The work includes a 3,600 square-foot addition to the administration area of the building, a 23,000 square-foot addition to the detention/housing area, and approximately 10,000 square feet of remodel to the existing facility. The overall project is proceeding slightly ahead of schedule.

The administration addition is complete and Detention staff members have relocated into the new office areas. The remodel of the existing



training room and Emergency Management Unit area is underway. The contractor has completed

the framing and drywall in the Alternative Sentencing Unit and Men's and Women's Pod areas. Painting and installing flooring and jail cell fixtures and furnishings are under way.

On the exterior, the contractor is constructing the added parking and perimeter sidewalks, and is painting the exterior of the housing addition.

Skate Park Renovation

Council reviewed an informational memo in July of 2009, and staff was directed to proceed with the project. A design-build agreement with Team Pain was approved by Council last October. A design kickoff and community input meeting in December discussed the proposed design with the public.

The Broomfield Skate Park closed for the renovation on April 1, and the demolition of the existing concrete bowls, modular ramps and fence quickly started. Team Pain filled the existing bowls and reshaped the area. The deep bowl has been formed and rebar installed. The contractor is looking for a two-day weather window to pour the concrete for the deep bowl. The second bowl has been shaped and forming has started as well. It is anticipated that the park will be closed until July.



2010 Playground Replacement Project

The 2010 program includes improvements to Country Vista Park and Country Estates Park playgrounds. RFPs were issued and proposals were received in March. The playground review team of staff members from CIP, Parks Services and Recreation Services reviewed the proposals and met with suppliers on the final selections.

The Country Vista Playground is located southeast of 123rd Place and east of Sheridan Boulevard in

the Country Vista subdivision. It is a play structure for 2 to 5 year olds. The play area will be expanded to allow for a two bay swing to replace the existing single post, single bay swing. One bay will remain as tot seats and the other will be belt seats. The existing play equipment will be removed and replaced with a ship themed play structure and play pieces. (See drawing.)



The Country Estates Playground is located west of Aspen Street and north of West 136th Avenue in the Country Estates subdivision. It is a playground designed for 5 to 12 year olds. The existing single post swing set will be removed and replaced with an arch swing set. The existing structure will also be replaced. A small fabric shade structure will be installed on the existing adjacent concrete pad.

At both playgrounds, the pea gravel surfacing will be replaced with poured in place surfacing around the main play structure and wood mulch in the swing area to provide a more accessible play area. Each playground will be closed for approximately three weeks for removal and construction. A closure date for has not been set for either location at this time.

Transportation projects ...

120th connection is 60 percent complete

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) reports that the 120th Avenue Connection project is now 60 percent complete.

Roadway excavations have been completed along the new 120th Avenue alignment east of Destination Drive, and structural-fill earth work will continue through early May. Concrete paving for the new roadway is expected to begin June 1.

RTD celebrated the relocation of the Park-n-Ride in early May, which allows crews to reconstruct the 120th Avenue and Wadsworth Parkway intersection and roadways.

U.S. 36 was closed to pour concrete on the bridge deck, and now roadway tie-in operations are under



way. A concrete barrier with an ornamental railing, sidewalks and a median are under construction on the structure. Construction of retaining walls on either side of US 36 continues.

Construction of the Commerce Street extension from Park Street to approximately a half mile to the south has begun and will continue through June. Flagging operations will be in place to guide motorists around the tie-in area.

On Commerce Street south of the existing 120th Avenue is slated for asphalt paving and construction and installation of curb and gutter, sidewalks and medians throughout May.

Roadway subgrades and drainage lines for the realignment of Old Wadsworth Boulevard approximately 500 feet to the west from the

current intersection at 119th Avenue intersecting the new 118th Avenue to the south, are now finished.

The \$23 million project, funded by the Colorado Department of Transportation and the City and County of Broomfield, will construct two of the three phases needed to complete planned improvements in the area. This work is being performed by the design-build team of Edward Kraemer & Sons, Inc. and HNTB.

RTD moves park-n-Ride to Arista

Mayor Pat Quinn and area dignitaries were on hand to open the new park-n-Ride at Arista when the facility at Wadsworth Parkway closed. Buses now can retrieve passengers without negotiating the interchange at Wadsworth, saving precious minutes on their travel times.

RTD's design and function of the new facility includes slip ramps that provide an improved way to travel east and west on U.S. 36, and gives bus riders better accommodations to park their cars and catch their buses. Bus Rapid Transit will support future growth the surrounding area in Arista as a regional residential and employee center.

Arista residents and employees, and residents from neighboring communities will have a great way to get to the 1st Bank Center, with new bus service delivering them right to the front door. Hotel guests will be able to travel from the airport to the Aloft Hotel, and skip renting a car.

When the 120th Avenue Connection is completed, it will provide a quicker way for bus riders and buses to travel across U.S. 36 to this location.

LiveWell Broomfield supports increased use of transit as a core component of active living, building a healthy community, and sustaining a healthy lifestyle. Research shows that improved access to public transportation leads to increased physical activity when users walk or bike to transit.

Departmental updates ...

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

Family and Children's Services will honor foster and adoptive families on Saturday, June 19 with the third annual "Day at the Bay". Families are invited to spend a day at the Bay enjoying fun in the sun and networking with other families in the community. Families are honored at a short welcome ceremony which takes place at noon followed by lunch. Ice cream sundaes and door prizes complete the day. The event is funded by community partnerships.

Senior Services partnered with Senior Resources of Broomfield, Inc., for the tenth annual Basket Auction for Meals on Wheels on Friday, May 7. Over 100 baskets of goodies were auctioned off by celebrity auctioneers Paul Derda and Joe Weibel. Over 100 community members helped amass total proceeds of \$6,715. The event was in the Lakeshore Room at the Broomfield Community Center.

Senior Services also was awarded \$72,520 for Broomfield's elderly and disabled transportation program, Easy Ride. The state funding is for the period, July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

LIBRARY SERVICES

- A digital bookmobile from the library's downloadable service vendor, Overdrive, paid a visit to the library parking lot on Friday, May 7. Reference Librarian Denise Muniz, along with technical staff from Overdrive, welcomed 133 visitors to the bookmobile. The visit promoted the library's digital media service and demonstrated use on various media players. A reporter from the Denver Post also visited, and wrote an informative article in the Saturday, May 8, 2010, "Denver & the West" section of the *Denver Post*.
- Registration for Summer Reading Programs for children, teens and adults will begin on Tuesday, June 1.

RECREATION SERVICES

Aquatics – Pre-opening work at The Bay includes:

- Body slides: contractors are sanding down the finish of the slides, repairing cracks and seams. As soon as the weather allows, they will be applying a new gel coating surface. This is a CIP project.
- Otter slides in the main pool: when weather permits, contractors will be sanding the slides, repairing them, and apply a new vinyl liner to the surface. This is a CIP project.
- Tile, step, and concrete work: several areas in the pool, particularly the steps leading into the main pool, need to be repaired, new concrete and plaster applied, and new tile work installed to be completed when weather permits. This is a CIP project.
- To be done in-house: repairs to large umbrellas, painting the large play structure, tile and coping stone repairs to surrounding edges of pool, pump repairs and maintenance, cleaning of pools, decks, repainting locker room floors, and deep cleaning of entire facility are also scheduled, weather permitting.

Athletics – Youth Baseball practices began May 3 and 1,177 kids are participating. Registration is still open for the 4-year-old Little Slugger program for this summer.

Girls Softball practices began May 17 and 500 girls are registered for the program.

This year's Colorado Fireworks Girl's Softball Tournament has 83 teams registered representing 20 different states including an international team from Australia.

Fitness – Boot Camp, Broomfield's popular outdoor fitness program, will be in full swing the first part of June. Numerous class times are listed in the Recreation Program Brochure, and three more sessions have been added to the listing. They include: Wild Grass for Monday and Friday classes, and an evening class at the Broomfield County Commons.

Additionally, if there isn't a time listed on the schedule that meets a particular need, individuals can get a group of 10 or more together, and

Recreation Services will provide a class at the location of the group's choice.

New this Year! Extreme Teen Boot Camp for ages 14 to 18 years.

Summer Camp –

Summer Camp with Recreation Services has changes and additions in place for 2010. These have been implemented in response to input from parents and to meet the needs of participants.

Campers this year will be placed into three groups by grade, and each will have separate field trips and activities. Campers parents subscribe to B in the Loop/Summer Camp and receive activity schedules and other pertinent information.

Several activities have been added for the 2010 season to assist parents who want to provide daytime activities for their children over and above the normal Summer Camp schedules. Staff will provide transportation when needed so camp participants can attend the Summer Camp Extras in which their parents have enrolled them. Those include:

- Level II, IV, and V swim lessons
- Backstory Theater technical theater workshops
- Backstory Theatre performance workshops
- Skyhawks Sport Camp including cheerleading, flag football, soccer, baseball, volleyball, basketball, and lacrosse.

Therapeutic Recreation –

- Practices began in early April for Special Olympics spring sports.

- On April 25 the Broomfield Recreation Special Olympics teams competed in swim team and soccer team competitions.



- In Special Olympics Regional soccer competition at Regis University in Denver, Broomfield placed third in the division. The team consisted of 10 athletes.
- In the Special Olympics regional swim team meet at Mountain View Aquatics Center in Loveland, Broomfield's 11 athletes took home first, second, and third places in a variety of events.
- On Saturday, May 8, Broomfield Recreation's Special Olympics Track and Field team to competed at Brighton High School. Again, Broomfield's 11 athletes took home first, second, and third place in a variety of events.

Athletes will move on to the Special Olympics state competition at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley on June 5 and 6.

At the Audi ...

Summer Youth Players

Broomfield Summer Youth Players will hold auditions in June for its annual performance. High school students present a play each summer and learn how to produce it entirely - including sets, costumes, acting, ticket sales and promotion.

For more information call 303.464.5835.

Featured

May 27: Broomstock! 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Teens celebrate the last day of school with live music, art and food. Free. Broomfield County Commons Park, 13th and Sheridan Blvd. The winning band will open for *OneRepublic* at the 1ST BANK Center that night.

May 30: Elite Dance Academy, 2:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets \$16 adults, \$9 seniors and children under 10.

June 3: Accordion concert by John Heinz and Marilyn Howard, 7 p.m. Tickets \$5.

June 6: Elevation Dance Showcase, 4 p.m. Tickets \$10 available at 3 p.m. at the Auditorium the day of the show.

June 9: Einstein and Neils Bohr present *A Fairy Tale*, 7 p.m. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and students.

Auditorium ticket sales

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

