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Officers Beaber, Ehrlich recognized as Peace Officers of the Year

Broomfield Police Officers Josh Beaber and Jeremy Ehrlich were recognized as the 2013 Peace Officers of the Year by the Adams-Broomfield County Bar Association at the awards ceremony on May 3.

The two were nominated by Chief Tom Deland who said Beaber and Ehrlich responded to the Wal-Mart located at 4651 West 121st Avenue on a reported menacing and fire inside the store last July.

“When they arrived,” Deland wrote, “they could see smoke coming out of the doors and employees evacuating the store. The officers were informed by employees that a man inside the store was holding a knife to a child’s throat, threatening to kill him. The same man had also set a fire inside of the store.”

Deland recounted that the officers entered the smoke-filled store and located the suspect in the center of the building. “The suspect was holding a knife to the throat of a six-year-old child who was seated in a shopping cart. The child’s mother and store employees were also in the area, adding to the chaotic scene,” Deland continued.

The officers ordered the suspect to drop the knife while they held him at gunpoint, but the suspect attempted to flee. The officers apprehended him after a brief physical struggle. No one was injured during the incident, and the boy was safely rescued, Deland said.

“Had it not been for Officers Beaber and Ehrlich responding quickly and acting heroically, the outcome of this incident may have been very different,” Deland wrote. “Their actions were exemplary and most likely resulted in preventing serious injury to the child and other civilians inside the store.”

Locally, Officers Beaber and Ehrlich were recognized with the Medal of Bravery from the Broomfield Police Department.

New coordinator in Extension Office

Micaela Truslove is the new Horticulture and Master Gardener coordinator in Broomfield’s CSU Extension office. She will be providing support to the Colorado Master Gardener volunteers and coordinating their activities in the community. Truslove is also available to answer Broomfield homeowners’ horticultural questions and will be offering classes throughout the community on topics related to home gardens and landscapes.

She holds a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Nevada, Reno, and will soon complete her AAS Degree in Horticulture at Front Range Community College.

Broomfield gets ‘Playful City’ designation for second consecutive year

On May 7, the national non-profit organization KaBOOM! announced the 2013 Playful City USA designation recipients. For the second consecutive year, the City and County of Broomfield has received this designation.

The KaBOOM! announcement email said, “Congratulations, KaBOOM! is excited to recognize Broomfield, Colorado as a 2013 Playful City USA community. This year nearly 500 cities and towns
expressed interest in the Playful City USA program. Broomfield was selected because of your commitment to the cause of play and creating opportunities to increase the quantity, quality and access to play."

By mayoral proclamation, Broomfield Days 2013 will be designated the Second Annual Day of Play for the City and County of Broomfield.

**New planning director joins staff**

Broomfield’s City and County Manager Charles Ozaki announced the appointment of John Hilgers as the city’s new planning director, effective May 15.

Hilgers takes over from Community Development Director Dave Shinneman who, since his promotion to his current post last December, has been in dual roles, having continued to lead planning efforts.

Since 1988, Hilgers has been the planning director for the City of Waconia, Minn. There, he was instrumental in various updates of the Waconia Comprehensive Plan. He also served as interim City Administrator in 2000. Hilgers has budgeting experience and has staffed various city boards and commissions. He also worked as a city planner consultant to the cities of New Germany and St. Bonifacius, Minn., to help them update their zoning codes and comprehensive plans.

As planning director for Broomfield, Hilgers will be responsible for day to day planning activities, land use development reviews, urban and regional planning, maintaining demographics and analysis of economic and social aspects of city planning and the impacts they could have on the Broomfield community. He will supervise the city’s planning division for Broomfield.

Hilgers received his Bachelor’s degree Cum Laude from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota in 1988. During his undergraduate years, he spent six months in British studies in Alnwick, England. He is currently working on a certificate in New Urbanism from the University of Miami, School of Architecture.

**Broomfield publications earn state awards**

Broomfield’s 2011 Annual Report and the City and County Manager’s Report were recognized as winners in the Colorado Press Women communications contest. The awards were announced April 27.

The annual report took a first place in the “Reports” public communication category, and the Manager’s Report took second in the “Newsletters” category.

Judging the competition for Colorado were members of Kansas Press Women. Of the annual report, judges wrote, “Attractive, well-written and packed full of information. Text avoids being overly ‘jargonny’ and seems to provide the right information to illustrate the numbers, which of course, are the core of the report.”

Of the Manager’s Report, judges commented, “This is a lot of content … It is very thorough and specific.”

The annual contest was for items published or broadcast in 2012. First place winners are forwarded on to the National Federation of Press Women’s contest to compete nationally. Those results will be announced in August.

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**Looking ahead**

**Veterans Museum hosts new exhibit**

The Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum, 12 Garden Center, opened a new exhibit on the War in Afghanistan and Persian Gulf Wars on May 11.

The public is invited and veterans of Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and the Global War on Terrorism are especially encouraged to attend.

Prior to the exhibit’s opening, Broomfield’s own Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Ulrich, U.S. Army, spoke at the Coffee and Conversation program. Ulrich, who attended Broomfield High School and West Point Military Academy, deployed to Iraq in 2010 as part of the Global War on Terror.
For more information about the exhibit, contact Ed Miccio 303.669.7163 or Ray Fernandez 720.746.9740, visit the museum's website at broomfieldveterans.org, or email the museum at broomfieldveterans@gmail.com.

The Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum is open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment during the week for group tours by calling 303.460.6801.

Celebrate Memorial Day at annual picnic

The seventh annual Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum’s Memorial Day Picnic is Monday, May 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the pavilion at Broomfield County Commons Park, 13th and Sheridan.

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 of 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 email the museum at broomfieldveterans@gmail.com, visit http://broomfieldveterans.wordpress.com/ or call Vance Rasmussen at 303.902.6521.

Summer Sundays begin at Brunner House

The annual Summer Sundays at the Brunner House are back. The historic, 100-year-old farmhouse on the hill at 640 Main Street is the perfect place for an enjoyable afternoon with its wrap-around porch and open setting. While there is no admittance charge, donations are gratefully accepted.

Activities are reminiscent of casual summers of yesteryear with a modern twist. Every month, a kids’ carnival starts at 4 p.m., followed by the concerts at 6 p.m.

On June 9, the traditional bluegrass music of the Carbone Family Band brings high energy pickin’ at its best on banjo, mandolin, guitar with vocals and bass for good measure.

July 14 features two concert favorites. The first is the dynamic duo of Skanson and Hanson and their exciting, intricate and beautiful guitar duets of music from the 60s and 70s with classical and original compositions thrown in. They will be followed by Gentlemen Forte, an a capella group that will have audiences humming, laughing and singing along.

August 11 features the ever popular and much requested Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra. This 18-piece band features Denver’s finest jazz musicians playing big band selections from the 40s through the 90s.

Summer Sundays are sponsored by the Broomfield Council on the Arts and Humanities partially funded by SCFD Tier III funds, the Broomfield Community Foundation and the Broomfield Cultural Council. Call 303.460.6800 for more information.

Walk in the Art June 19

Take a Walk in the Art on June 19 to see the array of public art on display in the civic center area. Meet at 6 p.m. at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library, 3 Community Park Road.

The walk is approximately one mile and will take about 45 minutes. The selections are:

- “Spikey Shovelus” and “Aureus Ruber” by Michael Mladjan located on the west side of the library.
- “Time to Smell the Roses” by Marianne Caroselli on the west side of the library.
- “Steel Illusions” by Lyle Clift on the west side of the North Metro Fire District administration building.
- “Aardvark” by Jack Bourriague on the west side of the North Metro Fire District administration building.
- “Female Collision” by Michael Symber on the west side of the North Metro Fire District administration building.
- “Inspiration Moves Me Brightly” by Josh Wiener by Community Park Pond.
- “Sky Totem” by Warren Cullar in the Xeriscape garden outside of the George Di Ciero City and County Building.
- “Leaf and Feather” by AirWorks Studio, in the lobby of the George Di Ciero City and County Building.

Six are among this year’s Broomfield Choice selections. They are Spikey Shovelus and Aureus Ruber, Time to Smell the Roses, Female Collision, Aardvark and Steel Illusions. To vote in the Broomfield Choice awards, visit all the selections and then cast a ballot at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ChoiceAward2013

Water Quality Report to be in June water bills

Broomfield’s annual Water Quality Report brochure will be mailed to residents with the June water bills. The brochure contains information summarizing the quality of Broomfield’s drinking water during the 2012 calendar year.

The monitoring results contained in the report confirm the high quality of Broomfield’s drinking water. Last year, as in years past, Broomfield’s drinking water met or surpassed all of the applicable standards for the protection of public health, as well as the recommended levels for aesthetic qualities.
Broomfield’s 2012 report summarizes the monitoring results for drinking water and includes water quality information for both the Broomfield water system and Denver Water supplies. As required by the regulation, the report lists the highest contaminant levels detected in drinking water customers could have received during the previous calendar year. When the level reported for Denver Water was equal to or greater than Broomfield’s level, then Denver’s data are listed in the table. The source of the data is identified by footnotes in the report.

This report fulfills a regulatory requirement established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1998, which requires community water systems to distribute annual “Consumer Confidence Reports” containing specific information about drinking water contaminants, possible contaminant sources, water sources, type of treatment, and health risks.

The Water Quality Report is distributed to all billed customers as a bill-stuffer in the water bills. To reach non-billed consumers, Public Works personnel deliver reports to apartment complexes and mobile home parks, and place copies in the Library and City and County Building. The report is also posted on Broomfield’s web site, along with additional information that may be of interest to the community.

This is the last year that print copies will be mailed to everyone. Next year, a web link to the report will be printed on the water bills with a phone number to call to request a printed copy. Staff will keep a mailing list for residents who wish to continue to receive the report by mail.

Departments celebrate Public Works Week

Broomfield’s Public Works and Community Development departments are teaming up to celebrate National Public Works Week, May 19-25. Broomfield’s celebration is part of a nationwide observance coordinated by the American Public Works Association (APWA).

The theme of this year’s celebration is “Because of Public Works ….” Communities are able to have clean water, safe streets and neighborhoods, efficient transportation, and areas for families to play "because of Public Works."

APWA encourages public works agencies and professionals to take the opportunity to make their stories known in their communities. The Public Works and Community Development departments have 200 dedicated full-time, part-time, and seasonal employees who are committed to working in the best interest of the citizens of Broomfield. When citizens contact Public Works or Community Development, they will find that the employees are knowledgeable, responsive, helpful, and courteous.

Public Works’ Mission Statement is:

"Striving to enhance the quality of the environment and quality of life for citizens through implementing innovative technologies, improving and maintaining the community’s water, wastewater, surface water, streets, parks, facilities, open space, cemeteries, and fleet resources in order to provide reliable, efficient, and excellent services."

Divisions include Environmental Services, Facilities Maintenance, Fleet Services, Park Services, Street Services, Utility Operations, Wastewater, and Water, and responsibilities include:

- providing laboratory services for the Water Treatment and Wastewater facilities, overseeing recycling services, coordinating the Spring Cleanup and Household Hazardous Waste events, and providing support to the County Public Health Department on environmental health issues;
- cleaning and maintenance of all of the City and County’s buildings;
- purchase and maintenance of vehicles and equipment and managing a waste oil collection program;
- maintaining roadways (pavement, signs, marking, and traffic signals) throughout Broomfield as well as snow and ice control in the winter, cleaning streets, ditches, and surface channels;
- maintaining the water distribution and wastewater collection systems;
- treating domestic, industrial, and commercial sewage and other wastewater to acceptable quality prior to discharge, and operating a sludge treatment facility; and
- overseeing the delivery of raw water from water sources to the treatment plant and administering the delivery of treated water to the City’s water storage tanks and end users.

The Mayor has proclaimed the week of May 19-25 as Public Works Week in Broomfield. Public Works Week gives staff an opportunity to promote their departments, the work that they do, and the services that they provide.
**Master gardeners answer questions at local garden centers**

Broomfield Master Gardener volunteers have been staffing “Ask-A-Master Gardener” tables at local garden centers this spring.

The Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions at Home Depot, 12171 Sheridan Boulevard, on Saturday, 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In April they were at Shelly's Garden Country, 4181 West 120th Avenue, and at Home Depot for an Earth Day Event with Open Space and Trails and Wildlife Masters.

**At the Library**

**Summer Reading Program sign-up begins**

“Dig into Reading” is the theme for the Summer Reading Program at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library. Sign up begins June 1.

The program is for newborns and children of all ages up to those who will be entering the fifth grade in the fall. Children can come to the Children’s Library any time on or after June 1 to get signed up and pick up a reading tally.

Fun prizes can be won, and summer reading events are encouraged. They include Family Story Time, Baby Story Time, Preschool Story Time, Wonderful Wednesdays, Fabulous Fridays, Family Movie Nights, Cuddletime Concerts and more.

**Wild West history of Colorado frontier**

Author Jolie Anderson Gallagher discusses the rough-and-tumble frontier history of Colorado's eastern plains at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library on Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m.

From the gold rush to the coming of the railroad, the mid-1800s saw prospectors, desperados and opportunists flock to Colorado. Exaggerated tales of easy gold lured thousands of hardy souls across harsh territory.

These pioneers survived famine and flood, clashed with marauding outlaws and defended their land against Confederate raids--all to make a new life in the West. And while these settlers continued to claim the prairie, the Plains Indians determined to push them back. The peaceful frontier quickly transformed into dangerous, lawless territory, where Coloradans settled their own matters, usually with pistols.

The presentation is free, but attendees are asked to RSVP at the library reference desk in person, by calling 720.887.2350 or emailing referencedesk@broomfield.org.

**Mark the calendar:**

**May 24:** The annual Broomstock music celebration, 1 to 9 p.m. at the Broomfield County Commons. Local bands play on two professional sound stages. Concessions available.

**June 1:** Annual Broomfield Trail Adventure at the Metzger Farm Open Space beginning at 8 a.m. (registration 7:30 a.m.) Refreshments, t-shirts, and prizes with a variety of educational and interpretive tables and displays including the Broomfield Nature Program, the Broomfield Open Space Foundation, Birds of Prey, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Broomfield Wildlife Masters, and several Broomfield city departments.

**June 9:** Annual Mini Haha triathlon for beginners or recreational athletes looking for a new challenge. Participants swim 300 yards, bike 11 miles, and run/walk 2 miles. 7:30 a.m.

**At the 1STBANK Center**

- **May 28:** An Evening with Soundgarden, 8:30 p.m.
- **June 7:** Shrine Circus, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- **June 8:** Shrine Circus, 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- **June 9:** Shrine Circus, 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m.
- **July 10:** American Idol Live! 7:30 p.m.
- **August 2:** Megadeth, 4:30 p.m.

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

**Departmental updates ...**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A recent PSA produced by Video Productions highlights the upcoming Broomfield’s Choice awards. The PSA encourages viewers to vote for their favorite public art piece. The winning artist, to be announced in July, will receive a cash award.
The PSA is the result of a partnership with Cultural Affairs staffers Karen Gerrity, Cheryl German and the Broomfield Public Art Committee. It can be viewed at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQOqclwHiLc&feature=share&list=UU-T6QviN2Dd Z01CJatvylPQ

In progress are an educational video about Bus Rapid Transit and coverage of activities of the recent Earth Day for Kids. The Broomfield Apprentice program with the Broomfield Chamber of Commerce is also in process, as is a video about recycling. Staff also plans to shoot the upcoming oil and gas town hall meeting on May 22.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)**

CSU Extension – Master Gardeners are available in the Extension office, located in the basement of the George Di Ciero City and County Building at 1 DesCombes Drive, every Monday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to answer lawn and garden questions from walk-in visitors. At other times, callers can telephone questions to the Helpline and leave a message for a response from Master Gardeners during their office hours. The Helpline number is 303.464.5554.

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

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**RECREATION SERVICES**

**Aquatics** – The Broomfield Masters Bee Gees swim team made a strong showing at the 2013 COMSA (Colorado Masters Swimming Association) Masters Short Course Championship Competitions.

U.S. Master Swimming (USMS) is a national membership-operated nonprofit organization that provides membership benefits to nearly 60,000 master swimmers across the country. It is a program designed to encourage America's adults to stay active and healthy. USMS and its 52 Local Masters Swimming Committees (LMSCs) provide direct support to more than 1,500 smaller clubs and workout groups.

The Broomfield Bee Gees Master Swim Team, organized through Recreation Services, is one of these groups. Structure and organization of USMS programs vary and are driven by factors such as pool availability, instructor or coach availability, community support, and finances. Broomfield's coach writes the workouts and provides feedback and instruction to the swimmers.

At the 2013 COMSA Masters Short Course Championship competitions, there were 387 individual and 47 teams contending. Broomfield’s Bee Gee's Women’s and Men’s teams placed third as individual teams, and also as a combined team. The Bee Gees earned a first-place standing in the following categories: Ages 18-24 Men’s Individuals, Ages 25-29 Women’s Individuals, Ages 50-54 Women’s Individuals, and Ages 50-54 Men’s Individuals. The Bee Gees made a strong showing in the other events as well.

**Early Learning** – On April 16, the Early Learning classes participated in the National "Pinwheels for Prevention" day in support of healthy child development and to mark Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Early Learners had some fun placing pinwheels in the lawn in front of the Paul Derda Recreation Center. They "planted" them just in time for a heavy dose of snow to move in the next day!
**Fitness** – Aware of the alarming national trend towards obesity and the accompanying health problems, the Fitness Division is focusing on offering opportunities to youth to teach healthy, active habits that will serve them for their lifetime.

A new class for girls ages 10 through 12 years entitled *Just for Girls!* launched on April 10. Designed specifically for this age group, the class focuses on exercise, movement, nutrition, how to relieve stress, build self-esteem and create healthy habits that will last a lifetime. Each girl receives a journal and other tools to help her incorporate a connection at home with the topics that are covered in class. The course, which reached maximum capacity for its launch, is taught by personal trainers. There has been good feedback from participants and parents to date. A second session will start in June.

Broomfield Recreation Services is partnering with coloradokidstriathlon.com to present children in the area an opportunity to become a triathlete. Through the *Kids Triathlon Training Program*, a seven-week, proven training course designed for kids, youth become prepared to participate in the 2013 Colorado Kids Triathlon. The course is designed for those who have never participated in a triathlon, and it combines the expertise of outstanding community coaches and trainers. Registrations for this course are currently under way through Recreation Services, and trainings will be held at the Broomfield Community Center.

**Gymnastics** – The Broomfield Flyers Gymnastics program through Recreation Services continues to grow. With a large program and a very large team, staff is continually trying to create new and innovative ways for the participants to have fun in the gym. The team gymnasts hosted an invitational meet on April 20. Although many gymnasts didn’t feel quite ready for the competition, they walked away from the event with a second and third place trophy for their divisions.

Qualifying competitions start in May, with the first meet to be held at the Paul Derda Recreation Center. Parents of the Broomfield gymnasts appreciate that the capability exists to host these events in the state-of-the-art center in their own home town.

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**At the Audi..**

**In the gallery...**

Broomstock art work will hang in the gallery May 16 – 24, followed by the contemporary, abstract wall art of Sonny Valdez May 30 through July 7.

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.

**Summer concerts in the amphitheater return**

The Cultural Affairs annual Summer Concert Series returns for another summer of *Wednesdays on the Waterfront* in the amphitheater in Community Park.

On June 12, Soul Sacrifice presents with passion and precision a Santana Tribute, recreating the music of the legendary band Santana.

On June 19, RetroSonics bring “80s Pop? Totally!” to the amphitheater. This is the danceable music that flooded the airwaves 20 to 30 years ago.

Enjoy Skean Dubh’s diverse repertoire on June 26. The fire-driven instrumentals, Scottish ballads, Irish pub songs, Celtic folk songs and wonderful slow aires span the centuries.

In July, the Denver Municipal Band performs July 3, Daddy Rab on July 10, Vinyl Underground on July 17, the Country Music Project on July 24 and David Correa and Cascada on July 31.
Auditorium calendar:

- **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](http://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.


- **June 1**: Danse Etoile Ballet presents “Oz - The Wonderful Wizard,” 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets from [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/318971](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/318971): $15 adults, $10 students, seniors and children. Under age 3, free.

- **June 7**: Back Story Theater Academy kindergarten through second grade class presents “Thumbelina,” 6 p.m. Tickets: $2 at the door. For more information, visit [www.backstorytheatre.org](http://www.backstorytheatre.org).