



**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

To: Mayor and City Council  
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The report is a monthly summary of staff activities, projects and events.</li></ul>

<b>Prior Council Action</b>
N/A

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N/A

<b>Proposed Actions/Recommendations</b>
N/A



# City & County Manager's Report

July 27, 2010

**TO: Mayor Patrick Quinn and the Broomfield City Council**

**FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager**

## ***Broomfield 4-H's Lanzavecchia places second in state contest***

In June, Caitlin Lanzavecchia, daughter of Mary and John Lanzavecchia of Broomfield, competed at the Colorado State 4-H Conference in the Consumer Choices contest, where she earned a second place ribbon. When joining with individuals from Arapahoe and Adams counties to form a team, Lanzavecchia and her team also placed second in the team event.

Consumer Choices is a contest in which 4-H members are given a purchasing scenario and then asked to rank a group of four products from best to worst for the given scenario. The contest teaches decision making, research tactics and public speaking skills, as the contestants are also asked to defend their decisions by explaining their placements to a judge.

In this year's contest, members were asked to make decisions on nine different products ranging from toys for a toddler and yogurt to energy drinks and meal choices for an athlete.

The State 4-H Conference ran from June 22 to 25 and also gave 4-H members the opportunity to hear outstanding keynote addresses, attend leadership and personal growth workshops, elect the 2010-11 state 4-H officers, make new friends from across the state and even meet Miss Colorado USA, Jessica Hartman, who is a former 4-H member from Pueblo. Caitlin is a member of the Red and Yellow Lions 4-H Club of Broomfield.

The 4-H conference was held in Fort Collins on the Colorado State University campus.

Anyone interested in 4-H in Broomfield can call the Colorado State University Extension Office at 720.887.2286.



***Caitlin Lanzavecchia (center) contemplates her choices in the Colorado 4-H State Consumer Choices contest held on Wednesday, June 23, on the campus of Colorado State University.***

## ***Primary ballots mailed***

In mid-July, the Broomfield Elections Division mailed Primary Election Ballots to all registered Democrat, Libertarian and Republican voters. Colorado law requires that voters must be affiliated with a party to vote in that party's primary election.

Voted Ballots **must be received** by the Election Division by 7 p.m. Election Day, August 10, 2010. Ballots received after 7 p.m. on Election Day will not be counted. **Postmarks do not count as received date.**

Ballots returned by mail must have \$ .44 postage affixed. Ballots may also be hand delivered without postage to the City and County Building, One DesCombes Drive in Broomfield.

Unaffiliated voters wishing to vote in the Primary Election will need to affiliate with one of the three

parties conducting a primary election. Unaffiliated voters may choose to declare affiliation through an online voter registration system available through the Colorado Secretary of State (GoVoteColorado.com) or by completing a form available from the Elections Division located in the City and County Building.

Unaffiliated voters may declare an affiliation through Primary Election Day. Voters who wish to affiliate and have a Primary Election ballot mailed to them must submit their forms (or change their registration online) by Tuesday, August 3.

The Elections Division is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. There will be two service centers available where voters may drop off voted ballots or obtain a replacement ballot. Locations are:

King Soopers, 1150 U.S. 287 (at Miramonte), and North Metro Fire Rescue Station 64, 13515 Lowell Blvd.

Service centers will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 7 and Monday, August 9. They also will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, August 10.

## FYI

### ***Maintenance closures scheduled at Paul Derda Recreation Center***

The Paul Derda Recreation Center will be closed for building maintenance this summer to do preventive maintenance and refurbishment that cannot be done safely while the building areas are open.

The Derda Center will be closed to the public from August 23 to 29. Passes from the Derda Center can be used during the closure at the Broomfield Community Center, 280 Lamar St.

### ***Former councilmember presents hiking program at library***

Former Ward 3 Councilmember Bette Erickson will present a slide show of Front Range hikes at the library on Tuesday, August 3 at 7 p.m.

Erickson is the author of the book "Best Boulder Region Hiking Trails." She served on the city council from 2001 to 2009.

### ***Employees, spouses participate in 'Broomfield Burn Off'***

Broomfield employees and spouses are participating in a ten-week weight loss and weight maintenance challenge. The **Broomfield Burn Off** lets employees bet on themselves and their chosen goal of weight loss or maintenance.

If someone chooses to maintain his or her weight, the "ante" is \$10. Those who don't gain more than

2 pounds over the 10 weeks get their money back. If someone chooses weight loss, he will set a goal for the 10 weeks, and ante up \$2 per pound to be lost. For example, if someone's goal is to lose 10 lbs, he would pay \$20. At the end of the challenge, he will get back \$2 for each pound of weight actually lost.

Along the way there will be support group type meetings to celebrate successes, and to share tips, ideas, and common frustrations.

A different topic will be presented each week, and employees will share what is working for them, and what is not. At the end of the challenge, *if* there is money left over from people who did not reach their goal, it will be used for prizes to be given out to the biggest losers, and in random drawings.

### ***Librarian attends leader institute***

Joanna Nelson, assistant librarian in the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library Reference and Adult Services Department, has been selected for the 2010-2011 Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL) Leadership Institute.

The year-long program begins at the 2010 annual CAL conference in October and ends with participant presentations and graduation at the 2011 CAL conference. Nelson has been with the library since 2007 and earlier worked with Up With People. She is graduating this summer from the University of Denver with a Masters of Library and Information Science degree.

## ***Cookbooks still on sale***

"Tried And True Recipes," a cookbook assembled by Senior Resources of Broomfield, is on sale at the Senior Center. Proceeds benefit the Meals on Wheels program, emergency needs for seniors, community events and the Senior Newsletter.

The 300 recipes include many ethnic and regional favorites shared by generations. The recipes and anecdotal notes take readers and cooks to many countries and regions without having to pack a suitcase. Stop by the Senior Center and pick up a copy--only \$10.

## **Looking ahead**

### ***Mark the calendar –***

**July 28:** Wonderful Wednesday children's activity at the library featuring puppeteer margarita Blush's presentation of "River Story," based on the Bulgarian folktale, "Zlatka, the Girl Made Out of Gold." The event is in the Broomfield Auditorium from 2 to 2:45 p.m.

**July 31:** End of the Summer Reading Program party at The Bay for participants in the 2010 Children's Library program and their families. Time is from 6 to 8 p.m.

**August 3:** National Night Out begins at 6 p.m. at Broomfield County Commons Park. Safety and preparedness activities, demonstrations, and displays provided by various Broomfield departments will highlight the evening. The event is sponsored by Broomfield Police and Emergency Management.

### ***Summer Sundays at Brunner House***

Summer Sundays at the Brunner House bring the 100-year-old farmhouse at 640 Main St. alive with entertainment.

The final event, scheduled August 8, includes a carnival from 4 to 6 p.m. with games, prizes, food and art for the kids followed by the Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra from 6 to 8 p.m.. There is something for everyone with this 18-piece band's repertoire of music from the 40s through the 90s.

### **Back to school immunization clinic set at Emerald Elementary Aug. 13**

Broomfield Health and Human Services will conduct a free immunization clinic for children and adolescents ages 18 years and younger at Emerald Elementary on Friday, Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A parent must be present to consent to the immunizations and registration is required. Parents should bring their children's immunization records, and nurses will be available to check records and administer vaccine as needed.

Call 720.887.2220 to register or for more information.

New immunization requirements for school include:

- Tdap for students entering sixth grade and above who have not received the immunization.
- A second dose of Varicella is required for students entering Kindergarten and for students entering first and second grade who have not received the second dose.

### ***HHS begins Nurturing Parent program***

Broomfield's Nurturing Parenting program begins its summer/fall session on August 25. This program, for parents and children ages newborn to 5 years, will meet on 16 consecutive Wednesdays from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Broomfield Community Center.

Registration and materials are free and dinner is served each night. Parents learn about brain development, effective disciplinary techniques, ways to build self-esteem and self-confidence in their children. Their children, up to age 5 years, participate in special activities, including music, art and puppets while the parents attend class. To register for the class, call Uyen Bui-Anderson at 303.466.3007, ext. 216.

### ***At the 1STBANK Center***

**August 17:** Scorpions with Cinderella, 8 p.m.

**August 21:** Denver Roller Dolls bout 5, 7 p.m.

**Sept. 9:** Pavement with Jenny and Jonny (Jenny Lewis and Jonathan Rice) 8 p.m.

**Sept. 17:** Gary Allan with Randy Houser and Jerrod Neimann, 7:30 p.m.

**Sept. 18:** Denver Roller Dolls bout 6, 7 p.m.

**Sept. 25 and 26:** Nickelodeon's *Storytime Live!* Three shows each day at 11 a.m., 2 and 5 p.m.

### ***Ongoing at the library:***

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](http://www.broomfieldlibrary.org) and click "Online Resources/Databases" then scroll to LearningExpress Library and choose "Computer Skills."

## Transportation ...

### ***120<sup>th</sup> Avenue connection nears completion***

Transportation Manager Debra Baskett reports that the 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue connection project is 80 percent complete.

Concrete paving on the 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue roadway began in June and should be completed in July. The bridge over U.S. 36 is substantially complete.

Remaining pieces include the construction of the concrete barrier in the median around the bridge columns, installation of the ornamental railing and lighting, striping the overhang forms along the bridge deck, concrete staining and waterproofing and asphalt paving overlays.

The Park n Ride was relocated and demolition was completed in May. Construction of 120<sup>th</sup>

Avenue at Wadsworth Parkway is slated to be done this month.

Commerce Street, 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Wadsworth Boulevard are still being addressed. Minor grading and asphalt paving remains to tie into the Nickel/Commerce, existing 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Olde Wadsworth segments. The work has begun and is scheduled to be completed by early August.

All roadways have bottom lifts of asphalt, curb and gutter and sidewalks. Roadway light poles have been installed, and the ConSpan precast arch structure is complete.

Landscaping, guard rail, signage and striping are scheduled to be completed in August and September.

## Capital projects ...

### **Detention Center Expansion**

The work includes a 3,600 SF 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 construction is substantially complete. The security electronics subcontractor is completing

the security camera system and video visitation system installations. The general contractor is beginning the final inspection and punch list process for the housing expansion. After completion of the punch list, the mechanical and electrical equipment will be commissioned, and the facility air systems will be purged as required by the LEED rating process.

### **Broomfield Recycling Center Repairs**

Palmer Company has substantially completed the project with the exception of the tubular skylights which are expected to be delivered and installed in late July.

The recycling drop-off area remained open to the public throughout the construction.

Approximately \$68,000 has been spent to date for new stairs, a platform, fencing, signs and a second compactor for the center.



### **Skate Park Renovation**

The project is complete and was reopened to the public on June 23. The park was immediately in use after the construction fence was removed. Up to 75 users at one time were counted during opening weekend. Recreation Services is planning a grand opening celebration on August 7.

### **2010 Playground Replacement Project**

The 2010 program includes improvements to Country Vista Park and Country Estates Park playgrounds. RFPs were issued to suppliers who participate in the US Commodities or NJPA Cooperative and proposals were received in March. The playground review team (which includes staff members from CIP, Parks Services and Recreation Services) reviewed the proposals and met with suppliers on the final selections.

The Country Vista Playground southeast of 123rd Place and east of Sheridan Boulevard in the Country Vista subdivision is a play structure for 2 to 5 year olds. Work is complete. The play area was expanded to allow for a two bay swing to replace the existing single post, single bay swing. One bay will remain tot seats and the other will be belt seats. The existing play equipment was removed and replaced with a ship-themed play structure and play pieces. The playground reopened June 24.

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 play structure will also be replaced. A small fabric shade structure will be installed on the existing adjacent concrete pad. The closure date for Country Estates is July 19, 2010. Construction is expected to be complete by the first week in August.

At both playgrounds, the pea gravel surface will be replaced with a poured-in-place surface around the main play structure, and wood mulch in the swing area to provide a more accessible play area.

### **2010 Waterline Replacements and Re-use Waterline Installations**

Council approved a construction contract with Hirschfeld Backhoe and Pipeline, Inc., for the 2010 Waterline Replacement Project in February. Hirschfeld started construction mid-May.

Work on East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and East 11<sup>th</sup> Place is complete. The mainline has been installed and tested on Birdie and mainline installation is underway on Par Road. Work will then begin on Eagle Road after Par Road has been tested and the service installation is complete.

## Departmental updates ...

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Broomfield's KCCB Channel 8 staff has received notice from NATOA that Broomfield is a finalist in the organization's annual awards program. Winners will be announced in October at the awards banquet during the annual conference in Washington D.C..

The submitted videos listed as finalists are: "On the Beat – S.W.A.T.", "In the Works – Goats: Living Weed Eaters", "Shep the Tollbooth Dog", and "Prime Timers – Meals on Wheels." KCCB8 is also in the running for the Excellence in Government Programming Award for stations with operating budgets to \$100,000.

### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)**

**Family and Children's Services** - In recognition of National Foster Care/Adoption Awareness, the HHS Permanency Planning team invited foster and adoptive families to a Day at the Bay. This event, now in its third year, was June 19, celebrating the contribution of foster and adoptive families who open their homes and hearts to children in our community who need a safe haven while their parents overcome obstacles to good parenting.

This year, 98 foster/adoptive families attended. Mayor Patrick Quinn welcomed the guests and offered words of encouragement and support.

Additional speakers included Mary Griffin, the state Foster Care administrator, and Connie Linn, Family and Children's Division manager. Food for all guests was provided and prepared by the congregation of Watermark Church and included a full barbeque and an Ice Cream Sundae Bar.

Broomfield's Channel 8 filmed the event. The video will be used to promote the Broomfield foster care program. Several local organizations provided door prizes and Gaiam provided a water bottle for each attendee.

Any adult can apply to be a foster parent. Contact the Broomfield foster care coordinator at 720.887.2266.

**Senior Services** - Broomfield Senior Services received a grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for \$7,500 to implement a Local Coordinating Council for Human Services transportation. The funding pays for a contract with a professional facilitator to coordinate the implementation of the Coordinating Council.

Meeting monthly since March, this group includes representatives from HHS divisions, F.R.I.E.N.D.S., local senior housing developments, Easy Ride, DRCOG Aging Advisory Committee, SRB, RTD Access-a-Ride and HHSAC. The meeting in August will include a representative from DRMAC (Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council) and a representative from Seniors' Resource Center in Denver.

The vision of this Council is to develop a multi-agency regional partnership to work collaboratively to leverage resources, build capacity and identify sustainable funding sources for the coordination of human services related to transit. The Council will identify and implement long range plans and policies for seamless, intra-county, affordable and accessible human service-related transportation services in an efficient and effective manner.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Reports of serious crime are down 11 percent for the first six months of this year when compared to the first six months of 2009.

<b>First Six Months</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Homicide	2	1
Rape	2	3
Robbery	6	6
Aggravated Assault	14	9
Burglary	56	58
Larceny/Theft	499	444
Motor Vehicle Theft	30	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>543</b>

The decrease follows an overall crime decrease of 10 percent in 2009.

### **RECREATION SERVICES**

**Mini Haha**- The tenth annual Mini Haha Triathlon June 10 had a full complement of 550 participants.

Due to the overwhelming interest shown in this event each year, participants are selected through a lottery process. This year, there was still a waitlist of over 100 people.

Historically, participants in this event are residents of Broomfield or friends of residents from neighboring cities. This year also brought family members and friends from out of state to participate in the event. The Mini Haha combines local volunteers - 80 this year - with participants hailing from all across Colorado, and Wyoming, Alaska, Hawaii, Pennsylvania, New York, Nebraska, Kansas and California.

Recreation Services coordinates and hosts the triathlon, but to make the event efficient, safe, and enjoyable for the participants, Police and Streets staffs are invaluable, key coordinating contributors.

Inclement weather this year on the day of the event, made for a challenging race day. Nonetheless, it was amazing how many people still turned out to participate, cheer on the athletes, volunteer, and be a part of the event.

**Fireworks Tournament** – This year's 2010 Colorado Girls Softball Fireworks Tournament ended on July 4. There were 83 teams participating, including a team from Hawaii and one from Australia participating for the first time.

**Climbing Wall:** The climbing wall continues to be a popular and attractive draw at the Paul Derda Recreation Center. There were 396 drop-in climbers in June in addition to those enrolled in classes. In June Channel 8 taped another segment of "Family, Fun & Fitness" which featured a married couple taking the "Couples Climbing" class.

**Early Learning:** Youngsters enrolled in the Early Learning Summer Camp Program worked on craft and art projects for their summer art show June 14 to 18 at the Paul Derda Recreation Center. The art activity took place during the first few days they were at camp as they became acquainted with each other. The art display in the lobby of the Recreation Center attracted viewers of all ages.

**Therapeutic Recreation** - Broomfield's Therapeutic Recreation Program serves individuals with disabilities and took seven athletes to the Special Olympics regional competitions in Boulder June 5 and 6. Pictured right are the medal winners.

**Youth And Teens** - The Summer Camp Program began in June with over 180 kids enrolled each week.

Summer Camp Fusion in Erie brought camp programs from outlying cities together for games and fun. Five vendors, and approximately 600 kids from eight cities participated this year.

Flashmob was performed at Fusion and taped for viewing on Channel 8 TV as a Family, Fun and Fitness segment. Flashmob is a large group of people who assemble suddenly in a public place, perform an unusual and pointless act for a brief time; then quickly disperse. The participants did a choreographed dance to a remix of *Rock That Body* by the Black Eyed Peas and *Eenie Meenie* by Sean Kingston and Justin Bieber.

Fitness week at Camp brought Boot Camp drills to the Summer Camp kids. Other activities were Yoga and Jazzercise.

During Mountain Battles Week, Camp Explorer kids broke down into three smaller groups. Quandary was for the youngest kids, Torrey was for the middle kids, and Crestone was for the oldest kids. The names of each group are the names of three 14ers in Colorado. Of the three mountains, Crestone is the tallest and Quandary is the smallest.

Each activity during the week either earned or lost points for a team. The winners of games and relays won points. Points were also given for those who picked up trash, were good team players, showed exemplary behavior, etc. Points could be lost every time a camp leader had to pick up trash, help settle a disagreement, or saw negative



behavior. This Mountain Battles Week was patterned after the hit series, "Harry Potter," and the kids related well to it.

The CSU Extension 4-H group staffed a free archery field trip for the Extreme Summer Camp group, ages 14 to 18, to a location at 144<sup>th</sup> and Lowell Boulevard.

## At the Audi ...

### Featured

#### **Original comedy opens at Audi**

On Saturday, August 21, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, August 22 at 2 p.m., the Broomfield Cultural Affairs Division and the BackStory Theatre will present **Signing Off**, an original comedy by Ron Carter and Bret Carter and directed by Anna Marie Wilcox.

The play's comedy takes place as the 1950s come to a close and one of the last real radio programs, The Adventures of Detective Mitch Claymore, is hanging on for dear life. Television is transforming the imagination of the people and radio dramas are on their way out.

This handful of radio professionals might have one last chance to save their show. With the script fresh out of the typewriter and a wild selection of sound effects, they prepare for the performance of their lives. But this is live radio and as everyone knows in the business of broadcasting, that in itself can be an adventure. Don't miss the fun.

For ticket information, call 303.464.5835.

#### **Check out Family Friendly Opera**

Family Friendly Opera is a chance to learn about various operatic traditions and even to warm up and sing it, too. This program is a crowd pleaser and is sure to be more fun with the new and improved version. Featured are arias and duets and ensembles from Mozart to Rossini to Wagner.

The program will last about an hour, and is geared for the entire family, especially children ages six and older.

Tickets are \$5, or \$10 per family and can be purchased at the door or at the Broomfield Auditorium Box Office on Thursdays and Fridays from 2 to 6 p.m. For information, call 720.887.2371.

#### **For the calendar:**

**July 28:** Summer Concert Series—Giddy Up Kitty bluegrass music. On the waterfront in Community Park, 2nd Avenue and Main Street. 7 p.m. Free.

**August 4:** Summer Concert Series features Vibe Tribe at the Waterfront at the amphitheater in Community Park. 7 p.m. Free. **August 7:** 4-H project exhibit. Free. 9 a.m.

**August 7:** Family movie, *Avatar*, at 2 p.m. Free.

**August 11:** Summer Concert Series features Academy of Rock teen bands at the Waterfront at the amphitheater in Community Park, 7 p.m. Free.

**August 13:** Lisa Walecki's Voice Studio presnets "Broadway Review. 7 p.m.

**August 14:** Lisa Walecki's Voice Studio presnets "Broadway Review. 7 p.m.

**August 28:** Strumming for FISH by Sam Cogburn. 2 p.m. Tickets: donation to FISH Food Bank. For information, call 720.887.2371.

### **Auditorium ticket sales**

The auditorium now sells tickets to those events requiring them at the Broomfield Auditorium on Thursdays and Fridays from 2 to 6 p.m. and during some events when staff is available.