



City & County Manager's Report

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TO: Mayor Stuart and the Broomfield City Council
FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

In Review

K-9 unit wins certification, state award

Officers Jason Collins and Nobi Gailus attended the second annual Colorado Police Canine Association, seminar, certifications and K-9 Challenge the last weekend in August. Activities took place at the Federal Center in Lakewood, with final activities at Invesco field at Mile High.

This was a three-day event which included classroom lecture, a full day of CPCA standards and certification, and a full day of the K-9 challenge. There were over 30 K-9 teams attending the event from all over Colorado as well as several U.S. Air Force K-9 teams. Only six teams completed the full certification. Broomfield K-9s "Nik" and "Jonny" with their handlers were two of the six teams to complete the full certification.

During the K-9 Challenge the two Broomfield dogs performed very well and were said to be two of the best dogs in the event. K-9 Nik and Officer Collins received a first place trophy for narcotics detection on Saturday, as well as first place in the apprehension event on Sunday.



Officers Nobi Gailus (top) and Jason Collins with Nik and Jonny at the K-9 challenge in August.

Library wins grant from NOVA to present 'Einstein's Big Idea' programs

NOVA, the top science documentary series on television produced by WGBH Boston for PBS, has announced that Broomfield's Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library is one of 20 libraries nationwide selected to be an outreach site for *Einstein's Big Idea*, which debuts Tuesday, Oct, 11, 2005, from 7 to 9 p.m. on PBS.

The library will receive a stipend and resources through an outreach grant to develop local programming like theatrical presentations, science workshops, and trivia nights for visitors of all ages during the fall of 2005 in the hopes of exploring $E=mc^2$ and *Einstein's Big Idea*.

The library was selected by WGBH from a national call for entries, facilitated through the American Library Association, because of its strong community partnerships

and creative outreach plans. The library will offer programs and resources that reveal the fascinating history of $E=mc^2$, demystify the equation, and demonstrate its many applications.

Programs will include the theatrical performance, "Walking Lightly...A Portrait of Einstein" written and performed by Len Barron; a trivia kaffeehaus evening for teens; hands-on science activity programs for children including "Fun with Magnets: How Einstein Got His Start" for ages 6 – 9 years, and "Tapping Your Inner Einstein: Hands-On Science" for ages nine to 14; and two separate showings of the NOVA/PBS Einstein's Big Idea film.

The library features the Sandoz Science Resource Center and offers science programming for the community with

the assistance of a volunteer Science Task Group made up of area scientists, engineers and science educators.

For more information about Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library's programs, visit

www.broomfieldlibrary.com. For more information on the NOVA program and related resources, visit pbs.org/nova/Einstein.

Broomfield wins award at state Trails Symposium

The Colorado Trails Symposium convened at the Omni-Interlocken Resort September 22 - 24. Attendees came from all over the state and represented both the private and public sectors.

At the conference, on Sept. 22, the City and County of Broomfield received the Colorado State Parks Trails Program Planning and Design award for the Ridgeview Trail.

The final phase of the Ridgeview Trail is also on the Council agenda for the September 27 meeting for City Council's review and consideration of the construction contract.

The alignment is depicted on page 2 of the memorandum. If the construction contract is approved by Council, the project will begin this fall and is slated for completion in December 2005.



When doves fly... A dove takes flight among flags at the Healing Field after closing ceremonies Sunday, Sept. 18. The doves were released while a bugler played "Taps." The temporary memorial to those lost on Sept. 11, 2001, in Pennsylvania, at the Twin Towers in New York and at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., stood for a week in the area around the Broomfield library. The flags were sold to sponsors for \$20 in an effort to get a flag flying on every home in the community. Proceeds will go toward a permanent memorial to be located in the north metro area. North Metro Fire Rescue, the Broomfield Police Department and the City and County of Broomfield collaborated on the event. *(Photo by Joel Radtke)*

Departmental updates

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Library Services: The summer reading program at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library generated \$178,920 in cash, services, or items donated for incentives from 44 local businesses.

There were 3,554 people who participated: 2,453 children, 661 teens and 440 adults.

Adult book groups at the library continue to grow in number as interest increases. The library currently hosts six adult book discussion groups. Most of the groups have six to eight members.

Book groups were first offered at the library in 2002 soon after moving to the new facility in Community Park. The first three were Open Books, Eclectic Fiction and Science Fiction and Fantasy. They have since grown in number and varied in theme to meet library patrons' interests. The book groups provide an opportunity for people who love to read to get together with others and discuss the content, ideas and literary merits of various books.

Anyone can join a group by inquiring at the reference desk or just showing up at a meeting. The list of groups and meetings times, along with a list of books read, can be found on the library's Web page at <http://www.ci.broomfield.co.us/library/ADULT/bookgroups/ADbookgroups.shtml>.

Recreation Services: The Broomfield Community Center and Paul Derda Recreation Center are open again after renovations and cleaning efforts required closures in August. There were 73 projects to be completed and many spanned multiple areas. Paint was touched up, carpets cleaned, weight room equipment scubbed, and other maintenance completed.

Elevator repair, installation of additional cardio fans, carpet and new floor installation and wood floor refinishing were handled by contractors. The remaining work was done by Recreation Services and Facilities staff members.



Dog Daze: Recreation Services' Dog Day at the Bay on September 10, one of its most popular events, was attended by 470 dogs and 1,880 people from Broomfield and outlying cities, and as far away as New Mexico and Nevada.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

- HHS spearheaded a school supply drive in August asking staff members to bring in donations of pens, pencils, notebooks, backpacks and more, for Dress Down Fridays. The result was over 100 backpacks, filled with school supplies, given to Broomfield children in need.
- As part of the 2005 Governor's Summer Job Hunt Appreciation Ceremony held at the Governor's Mansion, Celia Hardin, Workforce Center Supervisor was presented an award in recognition of her leadership and for a job well done.

The Flatirons Wal-Mart was also given an award for its continued participation and partnership in youth employment programs. Wal-Mart actively participated in several youth employment events including the Governor's Summer Job Hunt Employer Roundtable in February and the Workforce Center Youth Career/Job Fair, also in February. Wal-Mart had also

previously held job fairs to hire new employees for their store at the Broomfield Workforce Center, and continues to post jobs through the center as new openings are announced. Wall-Mart was nominated by The Workforce Center.

- Linda Johnson, Broomfield's certified registered nurse practitioner, has been elected to serve two years on the Medical Nursing Committee (Med PAC) of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Women's Health Section, Family Planning Policy Advisory Committee referred to as PAC. The Policy Advisory Committee provides continuous support and recommendations for the CDPHE-Women's Health Section, its providers and consumers.

The Medical Policy Advisory Committee is staffed by Public Health Nursing Consultants, consists of at least one of the PAC co-chairs, the program medical director, and other nurses, clinic coordinators, and nurse practitioners from delegate agencies. This committee meets quarterly.

- The Reproductive Health Clinic at Health and Human Services was granted \$1,800 by the Broomfield Community Foundation for the prevention of cervical cancer. The grant will allow 10 women to receive medical services for a diagnostic procedure when abnormal cells are detected on their pap smears. These women would otherwise be unable to follow-up with medical care due to financial barriers.
- The Broomfield Workforce Center has been working in collaboration with the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library to provide resume writing and job search strategies classes to library patrons.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Utility Operations Division: Staff is working with IWORQ Systems Inc. to identify all fire hydrants and fire hydrant valves. IWORQ will be working throughout Broomfield until October 1, using two full-time GIS/GPS technicians to collect data and attributes. Benefits of completed work will be:

- A completed map of exact locations of all fire hydrants and fire hydrant valves. Broomfield will be able to provide North Metro Fire with a comprehensive map of all fire hydrant locations.
- Attributes at each fire hydrant location. GIS/GPS technicians are recording important data at each location. For example, attributes include year/make/type, pressure, and measurements.

- Physical inventory for SEA/ISO fire insurance rating and fire hydrant maintenance programs. Data will support all documentation required.
 - Customer service inquiries will be handled more efficiently and effectively. The attributes will provide a system pressure of fire hydrants at all locations which will allow staff the opportunity to report to residents the water pressures in their area.
- Acceptance of new water system infrastructure and fire hydrants in new developments can be added and updated easily in the IWORQ system. This data can be collected and gathered by Broomfield utility technicians.

FYI . . .

- The Broomfield Public Library Foundation is sponsoring the sale of engraved brick pavers to add to those installed when the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library opened in 2001. For a contribution of \$100, residents can become a lasting part of Broomfield's library with an engraved and personalized brick. For corporations, the donation is \$200. The bricks can be imprinted with name, family name, business name, or a special saying.

The bricks come with two lines of customized engraving, 20 characters each. For an additional \$25, a third line can be added. Funds will be used by the foundation to help provide expanded services, programming and materials for the library.

- The Vital Statistics Office at Health and Human Services issued a record 812 birth certificates in August - 139 over the previous record month.

The majority of birth certificates requested in August came from parents registering their children for school. There was a slight increase in the number of requests made by Broomfield residents, but the majority of customers continue to be from the north metro area. Each summer, local schools are notified

that parents can request certified copies of their children's birth certificate if the child was born in Colorado.

The remaining requests were made by individuals for driver licenses, travel and passports.

- Senior property tax refunds were mailed on Monday, Sept. 12, to 976 seniors in Broomfield. The total refunded this year was \$208,679, which was a \$7,975 increase over the prior year. Refunds were issued to an additional 31 households. The range of refund was from \$8.50 to \$230.59. Staff continues to get feedback on this program from residents expressing appreciation for Broomfield's efforts in supporting its senior population. The state program is slated to return in 2007 if funding is available.
- City employees continue to earmark Dress Down Friday cash donations to buy purchasing cards to Target, Wal-Mart, King Soopers and Old Navy for distribution to Hurricane Katrina survivors being processed through Lowry. These stores have been selected because they are in close proximity to the Lowry center. Broomfield's Victim Services Unit will deliver the cards to the appropriate personnel at Lowry.

Looking ahead

HHS Child Care Summit date set

The 2005 Child Care Summit, "Nurturing Nature," hosted by HHS, will be held at The Chateau at Fox Meadows on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005.

This year, in addition to a performance by the Filipino-American Community of Colorado Dance Group, participants will attend breakout sessions on a variety of topics. The summit is open to parents, family/in-home child care providers, child care centers, and related professionals interested in addressing the status of child

care in Broomfield. The Child Care Summit is free to Broomfield residents and to providers who contract with Broomfield through the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program. For additional information, call 720-887-2201.

Other activities planned by HHS include:

September 28 - the Family and Children's Division will host a site visit as part of the Drug Free Communities Support Program grant. The grant was awarded from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, a federal agency.

The project officer, Charlie Williams, will be conducting the site visit to meet the Broomfield Collaborative Partnership and HHS staff, discuss the program's progress to date, and assess grant compliance. Broomfield is one of six metro cities who received the Drug Free Communities grant.

November 3 - The Workforce Center will host a Business Forum, its first business roundtable and forum for employers. The forum will provide service to Broomfield employers, market Workforce Center services, and create opportunities for businesses to communicate their needs to the Workforce Center staff.

Fall household hazardous waste drop-off event

Residents of Broomfield will have an opportunity in October to dispose of household hazardous waste in an environmentally responsible manner. The fall Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-off event will be Saturday Oct. 15, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Norman Smith Service Center.

The event is currently being advertised in the Broomfield Enterprise. Information about the event is also on Channel 8 and on the Web page.

Appointments are required to participate in the event to help alleviate traffic congestion problems and allow staff to pre-screen waste.

Unacceptable items include commercial waste, prescription drugs, medical waste, radioactive waste or explosives. Appointments can be made by calling 303-438-6336.

In addition to this opportunity, Broomfield residents have free access year-'round to the regional Household Hazardous Waste drop off facility in Boulder. A local drop-off event is also scheduled each spring.

Reminder: Residents are also reminded that the Fleet Division recycles waste motor oil all year long. Waste oil can be dropped off year-round at the Norman Smith Service Center.

The waste oil drop-off hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of every month, unless it's a holiday week-end. Then it's the second Saturday.

SRB candidate night

Senior Resources of Broomfield (SRB) has scheduled an informal, casual evening with candidates running for office this year. The event is free and open to the public. It will be sponsored and facilitated by SRB on Thursday, Sept. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Capital improvement projects

Sheridan Boulevard Update

What's happening

- The frontage road and southbound lanes were paved September 7 to 9.
- Two-way traffic was switched September 19 from the north-bound lanes to the south-bound lanes so that the contractor can complete the east half of the concrete intersections at West 136 and East 13 Avenues. This work will take approximately 28 days to complete.

What's next?

- Residential driveways and landscaping will be repaired from September 19 to 30.
- Landscaping work is continuing along the east side of Sheridan Blvd. between East Ninth and West 136 Avenues.

- The contractor will construct the last median south of East 9 Avenue.

Then what?

- Landscaping, and installation of decorative median concrete will continue until freezing temperatures prohibit additional work.
- Asphalt Specialties will complete the final sidewalk segments, fencing and other miscellaneous work.
- The project is progressing on schedule. Landscaping and the decorative median concrete work will be well under way by this fall, but will not be completed until spring 2006.

Open Space

The Field, Phase 2 (southeast quadrant): The trail construction is completed. Remaining work includes planting the native seed and completion of the public art. The project is scheduled for completion in November 2005.

Broomfield County Commons Open Space

Improvements, Phase 1: The grading of the area to the south of the athletic fields is completed. The irrigation and landscaping in this area will be started shortly. The trails are currently under construction across the entire site. All four of the trail culvert crossings have

been completed. The foundations and abutments of the bridge crossings are complete and the decks will be poured shortly. Construction of the overlook at Le Gault reservoir has begun.

The site is closed to the public during construction and residents are asked to not enter the area for their own safety.

The project is scheduled for completion at the end of November 2005.

At the Audi . . .

CU in Broomfield-The Art of Jazz

Broomfield's Cultural Affairs Division and the University of Colorado at Boulder College of Music continue the "CU in Broomfield-The Art of Jazz" concert series on the first Wednesday of each month.

Featuring members of the CU jazz faculty discussing and performing various styles of jazz music, these special one-hour-plus performances are free, family-friendly and fun for all ages. Seating is available on a first-come basis.

- October 5, 7 p.m. - Tribute to Oscar Peterson
Jazz pianist Pat Bianchi presents an evening of tribute to the legendary Oscar Peterson and his trio joined by fellow CU jazz faculty members Paul Romaine (drums), Dave Corbus (guitar) and Mark Simon (bass).

- November 2, 7 p.m. - The Bossa Nova
John Gunther, saxophonist and newest CU jazz faculty member, leads an evening of music first made popular through the collaboration of Stan Getz and Antonio Carlos Jobim, featuring Dave Corbus (guitar), Mark Simon (bass), and Paul Romaine (drums).
- December 7, 7 p.m. - Miles of Music
CU jazz faculty members Brad Goode (trumpet), John Gunther (saxophone), Pat Bianchi (piano), Mark Simon (bass), and Paul Romaine (drums) guide the audience through a retrospective on the music of Miles Davis performing compositions from different stages of the artist's career.

The Best of Big Band Jazz

The best of Dixieland, swing, blues and holiday hits will be performed by some of Colorado's most popular jazz ensembles. The 2005 series ends with a special holiday fundraiser on December 14.

- October 14, 7 p.m. - Queen City Jazz Band|
One of the most recognized revivalist jazz bands in the country, this seven-piece Dixieland band has thrilled audiences for more than 45 years with the great sounds of the 1920s jazz era. Tickets: \$7-18
- November 18, 7 p.m. - After Midnight Jazz Band
The region's best small swing combo specializes in Benny Goodman's favorite combo sounds of the 30's and 40's, mixing old standards and modern spice with clarinet and vibraphone. Tickets: \$7-13

- December 14, 7 p.m. – Denver Municipal Jazz Band Holiday Benefit
Help families in need and hear the great sounds of the Denver Municipal Jazz Band as they play old favorites including "In the Mood" and Woodchopper's Ball" along with new sounds and seasonal songs.
Admission: One can of food per person or cash donation; proceeds benefit the Broomfield food bank.

Information on tickets, directions to the facility and year-round event information are available at: www.broomfieldauditorium.com or by calling the Cultural Affairs Artsline at 303.469.3301 ext. 7999.