



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

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

Prior Council Action
N/A

Financial Considerations
N/A

Alternatives
N/A

Proposed Actions/Recommendations
N/A



City & County Manager's Report

September 28, 2010

TO: Mayor Patrick Quinn and the Broomfield City Council

FROM: George Di Ciero, City and County Manager

FYI

City crews help with Nickel Street railroad crossing upgrade

In a joint effort with the Broomfield's Public Works staff, Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Company successfully installed a new concrete crossing surface, with all the necessary upgrades, to the south railroad tracks at the 120th Avenue and Nickel Street crossing.

Broomfield provided advance warning of the shutdown to motorists using its variable message boards. Information about the closure was also posted on Broomfield's website and sent via email to all "B in the Loop – News for Your Commute" subscribers.

Area businesses affected by the closure were also contacted prior to the project's implementation.

Public Works provided all necessary barricades, lights, and traffic control devices for detouring vehicular traffic during the operation's three-day shutdown, and the Police Department assisted with traffic control once the project began.

Librarian wins scholarship to attend national conference

Young Adult Librarian, Erica Seagraves, has won a scholarship to attend the National Science Teachers Association Conference in San Francisco in March, 2011.

Seagraves coordinates the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library's Science Task Force

hands-on science programs for youth. This conference will expand her knowledge of programming ideas and resources, according to Roberta Depp, library director.

Sustainability scavenger hunt

The library's Science Task Force program will celebrate Earth Week with a GPS guided scavenger hunt on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010.

Participants will learn about sustainability in Broomfield, use GPS units to locate geo-caches, and do hands-on experiments at several stations. The program is being presented in partnership with the Broomfield's GIS staff, the ESRI company, and the CSU Broomfield County Extension 4H.

At the Library:

- Wonder how much energy your home appliances are using? Check out a "Watts Up" meter kit at the library to find out. The kits are provided by Excel energy in cooperation with the city's environmental office and the library.
- Early Literacy Kits are now available at the library for checkout. Each kit highlights a different early literacy skill to help parents prepare their child for learning how to read. The kits contain books, activities and tips for ideas to expand learning through everyday activities. There are separate kits for babies, toddler and pre-schoolers.

Annual maintenance closure allows completion of all tasks

The Paul Derda Recreation Center closed all but its front desk activities from August 22 to 29. The cleaning/repair/maintenance items listed on 21 pages of bulleted tasks were all completed by Facilities and Recreation staffs, Detention Center low-risk inmates and private contractors.

Among many other things accomplished during the week; the outdoor playground was resurfaced by a contractual crew and a new soft roof installed

over the play area. The gymnasium floor was redone. Half of the floor is completely new, and all of it was refinished.

The main level carpeting was replaced, and the studio floors refinished. The Detention Center low-risk inmates assisted in the cleaning Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The building re-opened as scheduled on August 30. The gymnasium remained closed until September 4th, to allow the new finish on the floor to cure

Looking ahead

BCAH plans art show, reception

The Broomfield Council on the Arts and Humanities (BCAH) will host an art show in the lobby of the City and County Building, 1 DesCombes Dr., from Oct. 12 through the end of November. This show is made possible through a grant from Broomfield Scientific and Cultural Facilities District funds.

There will be an accompanying Children's Art Show displaying the winners of the BCAH's Annual Christmas Card Art Contest.

Dianna Wilson from BCAH will make a presentation to the City Council at the meeting on Oct. 12 regarding the show, and will present the Council with a complementary painting from one of the artists on display.

BCAH has also planned a small reception to kick off the show on the afternoon of Oct. 12 from 5 to 6 p.m., just before the Council meeting.

One Book, One Broomfield

Oct. 6, 7 p.m. - CU Jazz Concert featuring the music of Oscar Holden

This special jazz concert is in celebration of this year's One Book, One Broomfield, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*. This free concert will be on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Broomfield Auditorium. For more information, call 303.464.5835 or visit <http://broomfield.org/culturalaffairs/cujazz.shtml>.

Oct 7, 7 p.m. - Film Viewing and Discussion ~ Camp Amache: The Story of an American Tragedy

Don Dexter, *Camp Amache* filmmaker, and Bob Fuchigami, a Camp Amache survivor, will lead an interesting discussion following viewing of the film in the Eisenhower Room of the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library

Oct 28, 7 p.m. - Book Discussion with Kerry Pettis, "BookWoman"

This discussion of this year's One Book, One Broomfield, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, with neighbors and friends features the *Broomfield Enterprise's* "BookWoman," Kerry Pettis, leading the discussion. Discussion questions are available at the library and at <http://www.jamieford.com/reading-guide/>. Call 720.887.2350 or email library@broomfield.org to register.



Nov. 6, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Writers' Workshop presented by One Book, One Broomfield Author Jamie Ford

Jamie Ford, author of this year's One Book, One Broomfield, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, will present a Writers' Workshop at the Mamie Doud

Eisenhower Public Library. Pre-registration is required. Please call 720.887.2350 or email library@broomfield.org to register.

Nov. 6, 7 p.m. - One Book, One Broomfield Author Event

Jamie Ford, author of this year's One Book, One Broomfield selection, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, will speak at the Broomfield Auditorium. The author's talk will be followed by a reception and book signing, sponsored by the Broomfield Public Library Foundation. An American Sign Language interpreter will be available.

Bitter and Sweet Art Exhibition

The Bitter and Sweet Art Exhibition is a special event for this year's One Book, One Broomfield, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*. The Art Exhibition will run Oct. 2 through Nov. 10 on the Library Art Wall, Display Case and Broomfield Auditorium Art Gallery. Hours for the Broomfield Auditorium Gallery will be posted.

Check out a "Book Group in a Bag"

Special "Book Groups in a Bag" kits are available at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library so that local book groups or neighborhood friends can easily participate in this city-wide read. The bags include discussion questions and other resources.

For additional information on One Book, One Broomfield activities, contact the library at 720.887.2350, library@broomfield.org or <http://www.broomfieldlibrary.org/library/onebook/>

Mark the calendar –

Sept. 25: 'Fishing at The Bay.' Come for trout fishing for children ages 12 and under accompanied by an adult. \$8 for residents. Six, 50-minute time slots: 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m. and 2 and 3 p.m. Register at <http://econnect.ci.broomfield.co.us>

Sept. 25: Birds of Prey Foundation will bring live hawks, owls and falcons to the Lakeshore Room of the Broomfield Community Center, 280 Lamar St., in an educational program. The forum is scheduled from 2 to 3 p.m. The event is free, and is jointly sponsored by the City and County of Broomfield and the Broomfield Open Space Foundation.

Sept. 30: The 120th Ave Connection Ribbon cutting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday,

Sept. 30 on the new bridge located east of Wadsworth Parkway.

Oct. 2: Fall Household Hazardous Waste Day. Get rid of those pesky chemicals. This event is by appointment only. Call 303.438.6336.

Oct. 4: A screening of the film "American Coyote – Still Wild at Heart" and a presentation by Camilla Fox, executive director and founder of Project Coyote, is scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road. The event is free, and is jointly sponsored by the City and County of Broomfield and the Broomfield Open Space Foundation.

Oct. 6: Broomfield will again participate in International Walk to School Day Wednesday, Oct. 6. Promoting the event is Broomfield Health and Human Services and LiveWell Broomfield. This year, the activity is part of Colorado Pedestrian Month in October. Students are encouraged to walk, bike or ride a scooter to school on this day and all year long. Sports Authority, Larabar and LiveWell Broomfield have donated items for giveaways to encourage participation. For more information, contact Broomfield schools, visit www.walktoschool.org, or contact Mary Thatcher at 720.887.2213 or mthatcher@broomfield.org.

Nurturing Parent program under way

Broomfield's Nurturing Parenting program is under way. This program, for parents and children ages newborn to 5 years, is meeting on 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

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

Sept. 30: World Extreme Cage Fighting, 4 p.m.
Oct. 5: Denver Nuggets scrimmage. 7 p.m.

Oct. 10-12: Phish – sold out!

Oct. 16: Ana Sia with Eliot Lipp, Kraddy, Virtual Boy, 7 p.m.

Oct. 22: Gaither Homecoming Tour, 7 p.m.

Oct. 23: Bassnectar with Dan Deacon, Brother Ali, Ott, Nosaj Thing, Emancipator and That 1 Guy, 7 p.m.

Oct. 26: Celtic Thunder, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 27: Godsmack with Five Finger Death Punch and Drowning Pool, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 30: Triad Dragons and Beatport present Hallowfreaknween 2010, 8 p.m.

Oct. 31: An Evening with Ween, 8 p.m.

Nov. 2: So You Think You Can Dance, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 7: Yo Gabba Gabba with Biz Markie, two shows – 3 and 6 p.m.

Nov. 13: DJ Tiesto with Robbie Rivera, 9 p.m.

Nov. 18: Jeff Dunham, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 8: The Judds Last Encore Tour, 7:30 p.m.

Canyon fire benefit at 1STBANK Center

KCBO is hosting a benefit concert for the Boulder Mountain Fire Relief Fund on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. at the 1STBANK Center. The event is sold out.

Featured bands scheduled to appear are The String Cheese Incident, Big Head Todd and the Monsters, Yonder Mountain String Band, Vince Herman, Drew Emmitt and Friends, and With Very Special Guests: Mike Gordon, Trey Anastasio, Page McConnell and Jon Fishman.

The event is billed for all ages.

Transportation ...

CDOT funds pedestrian, bike counting equipment for Broomfield Trail at U.S. 287

Last month, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) sent to Colorado communities a request for recommendations for locations of bicycle and pedestrian counting equipment. Broomfield submitted several locations and CDOT selected the Broomfield Trail at the U.S. 287 underpass just south of Miramonte Boulevard as one of the six finalists.

CDOT also approved locations in Durango, Steamboat Springs, Boulder County, Arvada, and Aurora.

Interested communities were given less than 48 business hours to respond, and CDOT received 103 suggested locations.

The Broomfield installation is planned for Sept. 30. Open Space and Trails and Public Works staff plan

to attend the installation. CDOT is paying for the installation and counting equipment. The purpose of the test project is to document volumes to support infrastructure improvement projects, multi-modal decision making and provide connection and integration to CDOT facilities.

Once completed, this project will provide a baseline of continuous bicycle and pedestrian volume counts in stations throughout Colorado that CDOT has never had access to in the past. In addition, CDOT has created a data warehouse for the storage of all this data and is working on developing a web based application for disseminating this information in the next calendar year.

For additional questions, please call Kristan Pritz, Director of Open Space and Trails at 303-438-6335.

Ribbon cutting to open 120th Avenue Connection

The 120th Ave Connection Ribbon cutting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 30 on

the new bridge located east of Wadsworth Parkway.

Jointly sponsored by the Colorado Department of Transportation and the City and County of Broomfield, this design-build project began in September 2009. The design-build team was Edward Kraemer & Sons and HNTB. The purpose

of the project is to accommodate existing and forecast east-west through-traffic in the Broomfield and Interlocken area, reduce out-of-direction travel, and alleviate congestion. The roadway construction also includes sidewalks, bike lanes, and accommodates future turn lanes.

Capital projects ...

Detention Center Expansion

City Council approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) agreement with Haselden Construction for the construction of the Broomfield Police Department Detention Center Expansion in July of 2009.

The facility construction is substantially complete and has received a conditional Certificate of Occupancy. The contractor is completing the final items. Furniture and equipment is being installed under separate contracts.

This is the last update for the Detention Center Expansion Project.



Interlocken Pump Station Facility Upgrade

Tetra Tech completed the design for the renovation and upgrade to the Interlocken Booster Pump Station. The upgrades will better meet the water demands in the Interlocken area. The project will include two new pumping units, piping,

HVAC improvements, and upgrades to the existing electrical and instrumentation controls. Council approved the construction agreement with Clemons Construction Corporation at the March 9, 2010, Council meeting.

The contractor began working the week of August 9. The bypass line has been constructed and is operational. Work has started on installation of upgrades to the existing jockey pump, however it was determined that the existing valves for the pump would not close completely and would need to be replaced. Clemons' work has been delayed due to the issues with the existing pump. The issues have not affected the station's functions. The completion date will be reevaluated after the existing (jockey) pump is operational.

Paul Derda Recreation Center (PDRC) - Tot Playground Improvements

The 2010 CIP budget included \$29,635 for improvements to the PDRC outdoor tot lot. The existing poured-in-place surfacing was installed when the recreation center was built. The rubber granules that make up the surface had begun to unravel and the seams between the different surfacing colors were no longer holding together.

Staff had to sweep up the granules on a regular basis to prevent children from slipping.

During the annual maintenance closure for the recreation center, the existing poured in place surfacing was removed and replaced (left photo below). In addition, a new canopy structure was installed to provide additional shade during the summer months (right photo below).



This will be the final report on this project.

West 144th Avenue Lowell Boulevard to Shannon Drive Widening and McKay Drive Signal

Council reviewed the status of transportation projects at the March 23, 2010, Council meeting and discussed using project fund balances from completed transportation projects to construct interim safety improvements along West 144th Avenue.

The below photo shows the current condition of West 144th Avenue east of Lowell Boulevard.



Based upon citizen comments, preliminary safety investigations, and Council direction, staff was directed to evaluate options for improving safety and traffic flow on the south side of West 144th Avenue and to study the need for a traffic signals at McKay Park Drive and at Shannon Drive.

At the July 27, 2010, Council meeting, Council reviewed roadway improvement recommendations and directed staff to finalize the design and bid the

project. It was also decided to install a warranted signal at McKay Park Drive but not to install a signal at Shannon Drive as it is not warranted at this time. Traffic counts on Shannon Drive will be reviewed regularly, and a signal will be added if warranted.

The scope of the project includes widening the roadway between Lowell Boulevard and Shannon Drive to allow for a continuous through lane and dedicated left turn and right-turn lanes between Lowell Boulevard and Shannon Drive, adding curb and gutter and edge drains between Lowell Boulevard and Shannon Drive to improve drainage, restriping roadway between Federal Boulevard and Zuni Street to allow for a right-turn lane at McKay Park Drive, and installing of a traffic signal at the intersection with McKay Park Drive.

The final construction plans for the road widening were advertised and bids received on September 9. Council approved a construction agreement with Premier Paving at the September 14th City Council Meeting. The road widening will be complete by December 2010, and the signal installation will follow in the first quarter of 2011.

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 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. Work on this playground is complete.

The Country Estates Playground is located west of Aspen Street and north of West 136th Avenue in the Country Estates subdivision.

The new playground is designed for 5 to 12 year olds. The existing single post swing set was replaced with an arch swing set. The existing play structure was also replaced and a small fabric shade structure was installed on an adjacent concrete pad. Work on this playground is complete. All work for the 2010 Playground Replacement Project is complete and this will be the last report for this year.

Departmental updates ...

COMMUNICATIONS

As part of the benefits of Broomfield's alliance with Peak Entertainment LLC and the AEG/Kroenke group, Broomfield is afforded time on Altitude at no cost to Broomfield.

Communications staff contracted production of three, 30-second commercial spots. The series has been programmed into Altitude's schedule. There were 26 showings during September. They are also being shown on Channel 8.

The Altitude spots for the rest of September are at 4:05 and 4:35 a.m. on Sept. 28, 1:51 and 9:36 p.m. on Sept. 29, and at 6:05 and 6:35 a.m. on Sept. 30.

The tentative schedule for October shows 44 showings at various times during the day and night with over half tentatively scheduled for mid-day through prime time hours.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency Management will conduct Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Training on Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the roll call room at police headquarters, 7 DesCombes Drive. The main topic covered will be "Early Warning Systems: the tools that alert you of impending danger." There will also be time allocated for open discussion.

A second series of classes entitled "Tornadoes to Terrorists - Are you prepared?" encourages participants to create an all-hazards family disaster plan. Sessions are Tuesday through Thursday, Oct. 19, 20, and 21 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Broomfield Detention Center and Training Facility at 11600 Ridge Parkway.

Participants will learn about disaster essentials, including 72-hour preparedness, sheltering in place, evacuation, early warning systems, natural and manmade hazards, home security, personal safety, and fire safety.

There is no cost for these classes and registration is required. Anyone who attends the series receives a certificate of completion and a NOAA weather radio.

For further information and registration, contact Susan Arthur at 720.887.2079

RECREATION SERVICES

Broomfield Days 2010 started out a little bit chilly, but still came off without a hitch. Some of the highlights are:

- Out of approximately 130 volunteers for Broomfield Days Zero Waste Stations, there were only two volunteers who did not show up for their shift. Things at the Zero Waste Stations went smoothly.
- This year's 5K Race for Broomfield Days featured a new walk/run route. The new course was designed to showcase the outdoor art, open spaces, facilities and points of interest in Broomfield.
- Peak Entertainment was well-represented at the Broomfield Days festivities. The Nuggets and Avalanche mascots participated in the parade, as did the Denver Roller Dolls. The 1STBANK Center had a booth in the Chamber of Commerce area.

Active Adults/Seniors: Broomfield Recreation Coordinator for seniors Nolan Thill floated to the top with the *Colorado Association of Senior Centers (CASC)* as one of the principal organizers of the CASC Spring Idea Exchange in April. As result, Thill was nominated to function as co-chair for the organization. The CASC board meets every other month to exchange ideas supporting senior programming. Twice a year CASC has an idea exchange that is open to all Colorado programmers for seniors.

The City and County of Broomfield hosted the Colorado Senior Softball Association 70s tournament on August 16 and 18. There were 12 teams from the Denver Metro area participating. Broomfield's 70 year-old senior team, managed by Bob Gryzmala, took second place.

Aquatics: Over the summer, 1500 kids received swim lessons through Recreation Services. Additionally, there were 180 private swim lessons taught through the summer.

Athletics: C.A.R.A Track with Recreation Services is in its second season, with 25 enrolled. The City and County of Broomfield will host a C.A.R.A. Cross Country track meet, with eleven Colorado agencies participating.

Early Learning: September marks the beginning of the Fall 2010 Early Learning Program with Recreation Services. This program offers sessions for children ages three and four years, and five year-olds who missed the age cut-off for kindergarten. The program is held at the Broomfield Community Center and the Paul Derda Recreation Center. All but seven of the 172 available slots are filled.

Training for all Early Learning instructors took place August 9 to 13. Curriculum included instruction on Early Learning protocol and teaching, with two guest speakers and a field trip.

One guest speaker, an elementary school teacher in Broomfield, taught Early Learning instructors how to read to children in a way that teaches the students how to read. The other guest speaker was from RAFT, Resource Area for Teachers. RAFT's merchandise is donated and is mostly unused teaching tools and other educational supplies. This field trip raised awareness of how to stretch budget dollars, and generated

excitement when Early Learning teachers realized they could obtain much-needed, recycled supplies at greatly reduced rates.

The scheduled activities for Fall 2010 include an inter-generational program where seniors come to read to the students.

The Early Learning staff will enjoy some team-bonding time on Monday, Nov. 23 when they travel to the Ronald McDonald house in Denver. There, they will cook and serve a meal to those living at the facility.

Therapeutic Recreation: Recreation Services Therapeutic Recreation softball team competed in a regional competition on July 24 in Longmont where Broomfield's team took first place. One week later, eight golfers from the program competed in a State Golf Tournament in Denver.

With the City and County of Broomfield growing as it is, the Therapeutic Recreation program is receiving many new young participants. Additionally, there is an increase in requests for inclusion in existing programs that are not specifically therapeutic recreation classes. Efforts are under way, to streamline the inclusion process and protocol within Recreation Services.

At the Audi ...

In the gallery

Asian Fusion. Three local artists, Roxanne Macke, Ann Sokolovick and Shirlee Miyake, show their Asian inspired art. This art reflects the Asian theme of the annual One Book One Broomfield program's community read *The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*. The show continues to Nov. 12.

Mark the calendar

Sept. 25: Children's Dance Theater performance. 1 p.m. Tickets: \$6 adults, \$4 seniors and children. For information call 303.466.3212.

Oct. 2: Boulder Chamber Orchestra presents *It's All Relative* at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25 adults, \$18 seniors and \$12 students. For more information,

visit www.boulderchamberorchestra.org or call 303.583.1279.

Oct. 6: CU Jazz presents works by Oscar Holden, whose music was an integral part of the One Book, One Broomfield selection this year. 7 p.m. Free.

Oct. 9: Rocky Mountain Brassworks 7 p.m. Tickets \$15 adult, \$10 seniors over 65, \$10 youth 12 to a8 and kids under 12 are free. Family package is \$30.

Oct. 22: Dance Nova presents "Existence: a state of mind," an exploration of consciousness and the subconscious. 7 p.m. Tickets \$20, \$15 seniors, students, children under 12.

Featured:**Contemplative Art – a workshop**

Anyone who wants to draw in his or her own style in a supportive atmosphere or who wants to draw from a meditative point-of-view has a workshop not to be missed with Suzanne Frazier.

Art is the perfect metaphor for the contemplative experience and artists taking place in this workshop can begin drawing with oil pastels and discover quickly that inner intuitive process to create a drawing can be trusted. Explore ways to access creativity, support artistic style and express heart-centered perspective.

This workshop is for those with or without art-making experience who want to discover personal creativity in a safe, supportive environment.

Scheduled Saturday, Oct. 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., the workshop will take place in the Eisenhower Room at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library.

End of Sides breaks down musical barriers

“End of Sides” with Kailin Yong and Jeff Jenkins, features a piano-violin duo that breaks down musical barriers. The two recognized an instant connection extended beyond their stylistic compatibility and discovered a mutual musical intent to build bridges between people, communities and cultures.

This unique collaboration to address love, healing, surrender and hope results in an evening of compelling music with two of the region’s best loved artists.

“End of Sides” takes place Friday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Broomfield Auditorium. For ticket 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.

