



*City and County of Broomfield, Colorado*

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

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<b>Summary</b>
<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

<b>Financial Considerations</b>
N/A

<b>Alternatives</b>
N/A

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



# City & County Manager's Report

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FYI

## **Another successful Trail Adventure**

Broomfield's 12th annual Trail Adventure on Saturday, June 1, showcased the Metzger Farm Open Space. Each year, the Broomfield Trail Adventure is the local celebration of National Trail's Day. Activities are designed to introduce biking and hiking trails available to the Broomfield community right in their own backyard.

This year, about 325 outdoor enthusiasts came to enjoy a morning outing traversing a variety of trail loops in the Metzger Farm and Big Dry Creek areas.

There were educational and information tables and live bluegrass music. Tables offered information about National Trails Day, Broomfield's trail system and the history of the Metzger Farm property. Also highlighted were several Broomfield departments including Open Space, Recreation, Health and Human Services, Capital Improvements, and CSU Extension.

Participants shared the event with great blue herons, pelicans, red-tailed-hawks, and even a few coyotes in the area's open space. During more formal ceremonies, prizes were given to participants and the audience was greeted and addressed by Broomfield Mayor Pat Quinn and Westminster's Mayor Nancy McNally.

This year's Broomfield Trail Adventure was staffed by Broomfield and Westminster. Staff members from Broomfield's Public Works department assisted in the preparation and coordination for the event.

The 13th annual Broomfield Trail Adventure in 2014 is already in the planning stages, and will showcase new trails and open space areas available in the Broomfield community.

## **It's official: Metzger Farm listed on state, national Register of Historic Places**

On May 6, Broomfield received the official notification that the Metzger Farm has been placed on the National



Register of Historic Places and the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties.

The initial announcement came in March from the National Park Service and was followed by the letter that was received in May from Steve W. Turner, deputy state historic preservation officer. He wrote that the official designation was granted "in recognition of this property's contribution to the heritage of the State of Colorado."

## **Judge Murphy: pay attention to safe storage of prescription drugs in the home**

The huge demand for illegally obtained prescription narcotic drugs in Broomfield has prompted District Court Judge Patrick Murphy to remind residents to pay attention to where and how their drugs are stored.

"This demand is one of the most surprising things I have learned handling felony cases in our community, Judge Murphy said. "Defendants will try anything to illegally obtain the drugs," he added.

Judge Murphy reports cases of burglary, prescription forgery, armed robbery and even theft by people lawfully inside others' homes. "An increasing pattern of addiction is causing a devastating impact on lives in Broomfield! I am actually shocked at what I see in the courtroom that can only be described as an epidemic," he added.

Residents should ask themselves whether they have been prescribed narcotics, whether they were all used and if not, whether the remaining ones are still there. Most importantly, according to Judge Murphy, "Is the place where you keep them in your house accessible to others including children, workers, friends and other guests?" If they are, they shouldn't be.

The importance of safe storage of prescribed narcotics in homes helps decrease the potential risk of theft. "That potential is high and you should take steps to secure the drugs," Judge Murphy said, adding that this also keeps young children from access to drugs, avoiding tragic deaths that can occur from accidental overdose.

Judge Murphy has been collaborating with the Broomfield Police Department, the North Metro Drug Task Force, the Broomfield Department of Human Services and members of the medical community to educate the public on the demand and need for safe storage of prescribed narcotics. "We urge you to recognize the importance of this problem and ask for your help to make our community safer by taking the necessary steps to safely store your prescribed narcotics," Judge Murphy said.

### **'Broomfield: Spirit of the American Dream' documentary earns Emmy nomination**

For the second time in as many years, Broomfield has been nominated for a Heartland Emmy. This year's nomination is for the documentary *Broomfield: Spirit of the American Dream*, produced in 2011 for Broomfield's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a city and the tenth year as a combined city and county.



The nomination comes in the category of Politics/ Government – Program/Special. The documentary was broadcast statewide on PBS early in January 2012, which qualified it for the 2012 nomination.

It was also broadcast on KCCB Channel 8 and can be found online on Broomfield's You Tube channel ([www.youtube.com/Broomfieldgov](http://www.youtube.com/Broomfieldgov)) and streamed at [www.Broomfield.org](http://www.Broomfield.org). Broomfield is one of two finalists for the Heartland Emmy in the Politics/Government category.

Broomfield's communications staff worked with Havey Productions to produce the video. Video Production Manager Kim Greason and Public Information Director Rosann Doran were executive producers on the project.

In 2011, Broomfield garnered a nomination for a series of promotional PSAs that were themed "Welcome Home."

Founded in 1947, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) and the Emmy stand for the best in the television industry. The Heartland chapter was formed in 1986 and serves the television industry in Denver, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Wichita/Hutchinson, Omaha, Colorado Springs/Pueblo, Lincoln/Hastings-Kearney, Topeka, Grand Junction/Montrose, Cheyenne/Scottsbluff and North Platte.

The winner of the 2012 Emmy will be announced at the Heartland Emmy Award Gala in July in Denver.



### **Call the Assessors!**

In May, Broomfield Assessor John Storb and five other assessors participated in a 9Line call-in to answer questions about property values at Channel 9 studios in Denver. Storb said he answered about 25 questions relating to property values and protests in the 90-minute session, and three of them were from Broomfield residents. Left to right are: Storb, Corbin Sakdol, Arapahoe County; Dave Wissel, Park County; Paul Jacobs, Denver County; Jim Everson, Jefferson County and Teri Cox, Douglas County.

### **Increased building activity prompts new hires**

Increased building activity in 2013, with additional increases forecast for 2014, has prompted the Community Development Department to hire additional help.

The Building Division has issued 141 permits for new single-family permits so far this year and anticipates a total 316 for 2013 (compared to 149 in 2012), and projects 530 for 2014.

While most activity is occurring in Anthem and Lambertson Farms, new construction permits continue to be issued for Wildgrass and several smaller subdivisions. Models are currently being reviewed for Century Communities at

Midway and Sheridan boulevards and permit activity is expected soon for the Crofton Park senior area.

In 2012, the Building Division issued permits for 1,763 multi-family units and has issued permits for an additional 367 multi-family units this year to date. Anticipated is a total of 789 for 2013 and 824 units in 2014. Apartments are being constructed in the Broomfield Business Center, MidCities, and Interlocken. Additional, smaller multi-family buildings (townhouses, condos, and duplexes) are being constructed in the Broadlands, Arista, McKay Landing, Parkway Circle, and Wildgrass.

Increased permits means increased need for inspections during construction. Construction on the multi-family buildings already permitted is anticipated to continue through 2014.

To keep up with the number of multi-family buildings under construction now and the increase in new single-family construction, the Building Division hired Perry Glenn as combination inspector to fill an open position. Another combination inspector, Doug Murray, has been hired for a limited term appointment extending to the end of 2014. The new inspectors will keep pace with the increased inspection requirements and ensure construction is done according to safety regulations.

The Building Division also hired Terese Denning as a permit technician to fill an open position. She will be processing building permit applications, issuing permits, and assisting residents and contractors with questions regarding permits and inspections.

### ***Water conservation programs continue***

Broomfield is offering water conservation programs to residents and businesses this summer.

The first includes water audits to identify indoor water use habits and provide tips to reduce water use and save money, and the second involves rebates to help offset the cost to replace inefficient clothes washers, toilets, and sprinklers with new, water-efficient fixtures.

Residents or businesses who receive treated water from Broomfield may qualify for rebates. Audits and rebates are available for residential, commercial, and industrial water customers.

Making homes and businesses more water-efficient is good for the environment, may reduce water and sewer bills, and saves energy, too.

For more information or to apply, visit [www.BroomfieldRebates.com](http://www.BroomfieldRebates.com).

### ***Public Art's 'Broomfield Choice' award voting***

Voting for the second annual Broomfield Choice award for sculptures has begun. Residents are asked to view the sculptures and choose their favorite. The artist with the most votes will receive a \$1,000 prize in this friendly competition sponsored by the Broomfield Public Art Committee.

Sculptures up for the prize include "Zenith" by Scy and Marianne Caroselli and "Ascension" by James Vilona, both located at the 1STBANK Center, 11450 Broomfield Lane. Near the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Library, 3 Community Park Road, on the west side are nominees "Spikey Shovelus" by Michael Mladjan, "Time to Smell the Roses" by Marianne Caroselli and "Aureus Ruber" by Michael Mladjan.

Also under consideration are "Female Collision" by Michael Symber, "Aardvark" by Jack Bourriague and "Steel Illusions" by Lyle Clift. These are located near the North Metro Fire Rescue District Administration Building at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Lamar Street.

The winner will be announced on July 24 during the Summer Concert Series performance at the Amphitheater in Community Park.

### ***RAQC seeks help as Ozone season begins***

The official start of ground-level ozone season across the Denver Metro Area and Northern Front Range has begun and the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) is asking for help to reduce ozone pollution. The season will last through Aug. 31.

Area residents can learn more about ground-level ozone pollution, sign up to receive ozone action alerts, get tips and information about ozone reduction, pledge to the Clean Air Community, and use the OzoMeter to track their ozone impact at [www.OzoneAware.org](http://www.OzoneAware.org).

During ozone season, RAQC, through its outreach and education program OzoneAware, issues Ozone Action Alerts to inform metro residents when meteorologists from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) expect weather conditions to lead to potentially unhealthy ozone concentrations. The program also encourages people to understand how air quality affects their health and the health of their family members, and to take action to reduce their individual ozone-causing emissions. During the 2012 ozone season, OzoneAware issued high ozone alerts for 38 out of 92 days.

The Denver Metro/North Front Range region fell out of compliance with the federal standard for ozone pollution in 2007 and 2008. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has given the region until 2015 to meet the 2008 federal standard. Local residents, as well as businesses and industry, can help by making voluntary changes in their activities to reduce ozone, improve air quality and bring the area back into compliance.

To encourage area residents to take action to help reduce ozone pollution, OzoneAware asks residents to join its Clean Air Community and pledge to participate in certain ozone-reducing activities such as driving less, taking transit, and mowing in the evening throughout the summer months.

Participants can also use a new online/mobile calculation tool – the OzoMeter – to track their activities, view their air quality impact, and brag to their friends and colleagues about their progress on social media. OzoneAware will hold random prize drawings each week throughout the season, and those who pledge to take action will be entered to win prizes such as bicycles, electric lawn mowers and tickets to events.

Some actions residents can take to reduce ground level Ozone are:

- Drive less – walk or ride your bike when you can, group errands together, take public transit and carpool whenever possible.
- Mow in the evening after 5 p.m.
- Refuel in the evening after 5 p.m.
- “Stop at the click” – do not overfill gas tanks when refueling.
- Keep vehicles regularly maintained.
- Tighten gas caps after refueling.
- Use electric lawn equipment.
- Avoid solvent-based products; use water-based paint, stain and sealants.
- Make a smart vehicle choice – choose hybrid, electric or more fuel-efficient vehicles when purchasing or renting a car.
- Avoid idling and drive-thru lines – turn off your engine and go inside.
- Sign up for Ozone Action Alerts.
- Take the Clean Air Community Pledge.

Residents can also engage with OzoneAware on the RAQC social media sites – Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest – at /OzoneAware.

## Looking ahead

### ***Enjoy Summer Sundays 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.

Activities are reminiscent of casual summers of yesteryear with a modern twist. The activities and concerts are free, but donations are appreciated.

Summer Sundays begin with a kids' carnival starting at 4 p.m., followed by the concerts at 6 p.m.

Summer Sundays began June 9 and the next one, on 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 and are partially funded by SCFD Tier III funds, the Broomfield Community Foundation and the Broomfield Cultural Council. Call 303.460.6800 for more information.

### **At the Library**

#### ***Summer Reading Program sign-up continues***

“Dig into Reading” is the children's theme and “Beneath the Surface” is the theme for teens in the Summer Reading Program at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library, 3 Community Park Road. Sign up began June 1 and will continue through July 19. Fun prizes can be won, and summer reading events are encouraged.

The children's program is for newborns and children of all ages up to those who will be entering the fifth grade in the

fall. Come to the Children's Library to get signed up and pick up a reading tally. Summer programs include Family Story Time, Baby Story Time, Preschool Story Time, Wonderful Wednesdays, Fabulous Fridays, Family Movie Nights, Cuddletime Concerts and more.

Teens in grades six through 12 can sign up at the Teen Zone desk and pick up a reading log. Summer programs for teens will delve beneath the surface to explore earth crafts, cooking, and nature photography. Dig into the past and find hidden burial sites, learn Brazilian martial arts and more.

There is also an Adult Summer Reading program. Register at the library reference desk and win prizes.

**Mark the calendar:**

**June 13 – Beginning Birding** at the library is a special presentation on local and regional birds by birder and Boulder County Audubon board member J.D. "Birch" Birchmeier. He will discuss wildlife monitoring (counting ducks), raptor monitoring (counting hawks), and much more. 7 p.m. RSVP at the library reference desk, 720.887.2350 or email [referencedesk@broomfield.org](mailto:referencedesk@broomfield.org).

**June 14** – The annual Father's Day barbecue for dads, granddads and great-granddads is at noon on the patio at the Lakeshore Room in the Broomfield Community Center, 280 Lamar Street. Come to celebrate the day a little early. This event is scheduled "weather permitting." Cost is \$4.50.

**June 25** – Active adults visit the Lucky 3 Ranch in Loveland to see this haven for preservation of mules and donkeys with its world champion long-ears. It's a center of education for the public and the birthplace of ground

breaking training philosophy. 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meet at the Broomfield Senior Center, 280 Lamar Street. \$26 residents, \$30 non residents includes transportation and tour. Lunch is on you own afterwards at Spoons. Register by June 11 using code 54723 at <http://econnect.ci.broomfield.co.us/econnect> or call 303.464.5501.

**June 27** – Botany for Gardners at the library. Wildlife Conservationist and Fisheries Scientist Sheridan Samano, will present an overview of basic plant biology, including structure, development, photosynthesis and plant chemistry for use by the backyard gardener. 7 p.m. RSVP at the library reference desk, 720.887.2350 or email [referencedesk@broomfield.org](mailto:referencedesk@broomfield.org).

**July 11** – Active adults take a trip to Vail for the Vail Valley Music Festival. Spend the day enjoying the National Repertory Orchestra in the Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater and visit Vail Village. \$15 for residents, \$17 for non residents includes concert and transportation. Lunch is on your own. 8 a.m to 5 p.m. Meet at the Broomfield Senior Center. Register by July 8 using code 54732 at <http://econnect.ci.broomfield.co.us/econnect> or call 303.464.5501.

**At the 1STBANK Center**

- **July 16:** New Kids on the Block, 98 Degrees and Boyz to Men, 7:30 p.m.
- **July 20:** Denver Roller Dolls, 7 p.m.
- **August 2:** Megadeth, 4:30 p.m.
- **August 17:** Legends Football League divisional playoffs, 7 p.m.

For tickets visit [www.tickethorse.com](http://www.tickethorse.com) or call 1.866.461.6556.

**Departmental updates ...**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Video of the oil and gas Town Hall Meeting hosted by the City Council on May 22 is currently available online on the city's YouTube channel at [www.YouTube.com/Broomfieldgov](http://www.YouTube.com/Broomfieldgov), and on-demand via [www.broomfield.org](http://www.broomfield.org). It can also be seen on KCCB Channel 8. Check the listings by visiting <http://co-broomfield.civicplus.com/Document Center/View/1307>

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)**

**Workforce Center** – Hiring events, classes and job club events continued in May. The following tables give a snapshot of these activities and the number of people served.

**Hiring Events**

Employer	Position(s)	Attendees
CMG	Production	3
Select Staffing	Production/Welder/QA/ Molding Operator	11
CMG	Production	2
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CMG	Production	2

Sound Telecom	Spanish-speaking call center	0
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#### Classes

Date	Title	Attendees
May 16, 2013	Management Workshop	11
May 23, 2013	Interview Class	4

#### Job Club

Date	Title	Number of Attendees
May 7, 2013	Broomfield HR	44
May 14, 2013	Interviews	35
May 21, 2013	Hidden Job Market	33
May 28, 2013	Experienced Workers	18

#### LIBRARY SERVICES

Young Adult Co-manager Fran Jenner has earned two awards for her debut novel *Prairie Journey*. Jenner was awarded the silver medal Indie Award for Colorado and also the bronze medal for the National Indie Award.

*Prairie Journey* took more than six years to write, and considerable research, including traveling the California Trail. The novel is narrated by Savannah, a young girl who travels west in 1850 from the green Missouri farmlands through the high desert. Savannah becomes a poet along the way and changes into a strong young woman as she works through moral dilemmas and the sting of leaving her home, best friend and all that she has known to travel to California with her family.

## At the Audi..

### In the gallery...

The contemporary, abstract wall art of Sonny Valdez continues 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.

### Free summer concerts 'on the Waterfront'

The Cultural Affairs annual Summer Concert Series performances are *Wednesdays on the Waterfront* in the amphitheater in Community Park. The concerts are free and begin at 7 p.m.

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:

- **June 14:** BackStory Theatre Academy kindergarten through second grade class presents "Peter and the Wolf," 6 p.m. Tickets: \$2 at the door. For more information, visit [www.backstorytheatre.org](http://www.backstorytheatre.org). Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road.
- **June 15:** BackStory Theatre Academy sixth through twelfth grade class presents "Enter Stage Write," an original play. 6 p.m. Tickets: \$2 at the door. For more information, visit [www.backstorytheatre.org](http://www.backstorytheatre.org).
- **June 21:** BackStory Theatre Academy kindergarten through second grade class presents "The Frog Prince," 6 p.m. Tickets: \$2 at the door. For more information, visit [www.backstorytheatre.org](http://www.backstorytheatre.org).
- **June 22:** BackStory Theatre Academy third through eighth grade class presents "Alice in Wonderland," 6 p.m. Tickets: \$2 at the door. For more information, visit [www.backstorytheatre.org](http://www.backstorytheatre.org).
- **June 28:** BackStory Theatre Academy kindergarten through second grade class presents "3 Little Pigs," 6 p.m. tickets: \$2 at the door. For more information, visit [www.backstorytheatre.org](http://www.backstorytheatre.org).

