



*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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September 10, 2013

FYI

## All spiffed up!

August has been an extremely busy month for Recreation Services staff with in-house maintenance work during closures of both the Paul Derda Recreation Center and Broomfield Community Center. The closures are important for the buildings, allowing projects that cannot be completed with customers present to be safely done.

Full-time recreation and facilities staff took part in cleaning, scrubbing, repairing and painting in the buildings. To keep costs down, outside contractors and part time staff were used only on a limited basis.

The late August dates have been chosen for the maintenance closures over the years because there is a break in classes and programs from mid-August through Labor Day, so the closures have the smallest impact on the programs offered to the public.



Besides the regular maintenance activities that are completed each year, a few specialized projects were performed this year.

Since 2013 marks the tenth Anniversary of the Derda Center, special attention was given to this facility to make it sparkle and shine. Besides the planned maintenance and cleaning, the Teen Game Room received extra care this year:



- The Dance-Dance Revolution Pads were replaced with an Xbox 360 Kinect active video game system. Instead of a dance pad on the floor, the new Xbox 360 simply allows kids to move around inside an area marked off on the floor. No controller is necessary, and players can use their hands to choose certain games or options, and the activities involve total body movement from there.
- Two new Espresso Youth stationary bicycles were purchased to replace the other game bikes. These bikes each have their own screen, but kids will be able to race against each other and play bike games cooperatively.
- Two new air hockey tables and a foosball table replaced the original equipment from 10 years ago.
- A new arcade cabinet was added to house a new TV and either a Nintendo Wii system or Sony PlayStation 3.

A teen graffiti contest will take place to coincide with the Derda Center's anniversary celebration on Nov. 2. This contest will bring more teen artwork to the walls in the Teen Game Room.

Along with the usual deep cleaning, the Community Center received new paint colors on the north end of the facility. The colors coincide with those used at the Derda Center, which will help connect the two facilities and make the maintenance process much more streamlined in the future.

## Recreation Services launches Facebook page

Broomfield Recreation Services launched its first Facebook page in August. It can be found at [www.facebook.com/PDRCFun](http://www.facebook.com/PDRCFun).

The first photo albums on the site show pictures taken during the maintenance closures. The public can get a view of work done since they are not able to be in the buildings during the closures. All are welcome to visit Broomfield Recreation Services and "Like" the page.

The purpose of establishing the Facebook site is to build an increased sense of community between Recreation Services patrons and the community at large. Within proper bounds, members of the community can become a part of this site by posting pictures and adding comments.

The new happening has been publicized through a column in the Broomfield Enterprise. Announcements will be sent out through B in the Loop, and the link will appear on the Recreation website – and everywhere possible.

### **CSU Extension programs keep Broomfield residents 'in the know'**

Broomfield residents stay in the know on a variety of topics with the help of the CSU Extension programs that have been ongoing for the past 10 years.

After Broomfield became a combined city and county in 2001,



one of the desires of residents was to bring county Extension services to town. To answer that request, in January of 2003, Colorado State University Extension began offering programming to Broomfield residents in horticulture and 4-H youth development.

Over the years, interested Broomfield residents have answered an invitation to study to become Colorado Master Gardeners. After graduating, they have been bringing horticulture-related programs to fellow residents and now have a busy, year-round schedule of programs and events.

In one program, "Ask-A-Master Gardener," the Colorado Master Gardeners of Broomfield assist residents through regularly scheduled or sometimes one-time booths and tables at varied locations or during various events in town.

Master Gardeners have assisted over 550 residents so far this year with yard and garden questions presented to them at locations including Broomfield Home Depot, Shelley's Garden Country, Anthem Ranch's Aspen Lodge Recreation Center, the Farmer's Market at Holy Comforter Church, Broomfield Trail Adventure and the Anthem Ranch Home and Garden Show.

Broomfield's Master Gardeners have also contributed to the community, offering horticulture related classes, mentoring gardeners at the Glory Community (a residential community for adults with developmental disabilities), writing a weekly gardening column for the *Broomfield Enterprise*, hosting a twilight walk, and holding regular

office hours for residents to ask questions and get answers.

The group has also partnered with the City of Broomfield, Broomfield Open Space Foundation and the Butterfly Pavilion in a garden fair. The theme of this year's fair was "Habitats for Wildlife and People." Approximately 175 people attended the fair's seminars, visited with vendors and learned how to attract birds, bees and butterflies to their gardens.

Master Gardeners also hosted a twilight garden walk. A signature project is the demonstration xeriscape garden located just outside the George Di Ciero City and County Building. This garden, with its plants labeled with individual information, is a show case for visitors to the area.

Another program offered through CSU Extension is 4-H for young people. Reaching beyond traditional club projects because of Broomfield's urban character, Broomfield 4-H offers a variety of non-traditional school-based programs. These include Embryology presented at Emerald Elementary, Prospect Ridge Academy and Broomfield Academy and a Mini Greenhouse program offered at Birch and Emerald elementary schools.

Slated for October is a National Youth Science Day to be offered at Emerald Elementary, Beautiful Savior Lutheran School and Excel Academy Charter School.

Since 4-H and summer camp go hand-in-hand, for the fourth year, 4-H and Broomfield Recreation Services have partnered to offer educational programming to all Camp Explorer summer camp participants. With an average of 85 campers per week, the summer's programming focused on age appropriate STEM topics. Kids learned about spiders and spider webs, bubbles, flight, pollination, recycling and they even made home-made ice cream and ended the year with a fun "Minute-To-Win-It" game show experience.

4-H also answered requests for youth development by presenting a fun, straw rocket building activity during Prospect Ridge Academy's Science Night. Technology-based workshops in robotics and GPS/GIS community mapping are scheduled this fall.

The robotics workshop is scheduled Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the Broomfield Community Center from 4 to 5 p.m. The community mapping workshop is scheduled Thursday, Oct. 3, from 4 to 5 p.m., also at the Community Center. Both classes are for those ages 8 to 18. To attend either class, RSVP to 720.887.2294.

**4-H kids shine at state fair and beyond**

Members of the Red and Yellow Lions 4-H Club earned the distinction of County Champion and the opportunity to have their projects entered into the 2013 Colorado State Fair. Below is a summary of the results:

Member Name	Project Area	Result
Caleb Cook	Photography	Unit Champion and Senior Reserve Grand Champion
Cora Halbach	Best Photo Contest (Senior Age Division)	9th Place
Heather Holtgreive	Visual Arts	6th Place
Ravenne Kodak	Archery (Intermediate Age Division) Best Photo Contest (Intermediate Age Division)	State Fair Qualifier Reserve Grand Champion
Soren Kodak	Archery (Senior Age Division)	7th Place
Zoe Kodak	Best Photo Contest (Junior Age Division)	9th Place
Alexis Lanzavecchia	Decorate Your Duds	9th Place
Isaac Trujillo	Archery (Junior Age Division)	Junior Reserve Champion
Gabriella Tuell	Cake Decorating	State Fair Qualifier

In addition, 13 Broomfield 4-H members competed in the 2013 state 4-H archery competition. They were Dallas Dryden, Avonelle Halbach, Cora Halbach, Elsa Halbach, Ivan Halbach, Ravenne Kodak, Sedric Kodak, Soren Kodak, Zoe Kodak, Isaiah MacLean, Isaac Trujillo, Jessica Whitcomb and Luke Whitcomb. The team of Ivan Halbach, Sedric Kodak, Isaac Trujillo and Jessica Whitcomb placed second in their class. Individuals Soren Kodak and Isaiah MacLean both placed seventh in their respective classes.



**Thanks to the Woodshop**

Supervisors from the woodshop at the Community Center are often found donating their time and talents to the community by constructing needed items at no charge. Recently, Recreation Program Manager Dana Cabot reported that woodshop personnel constructed three display cases to place in the lobby at the Police Department and received personal recognition for their donation. Here, Chief Tom Deland, right, thanks two of the volunteers for their work. Making the items in-house like this provided a significant cost savings to the department, as well as beautiful furniture pieces.

**Looking ahead**

**Save the date!**

The Paul Derda Recreation Center will celebrate its tenth anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013, from 1 to 4 p.m. Early planning to recognize the milestone is under way by Recreation Services. Invitations will be sent out closer to the event.



**At the Library**

- The carpet replacement project at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library in August went very smoothly. It looks great and the public response approves the new, clean look. A seating area was also moved to along the west windows creating a bright and cozy reading nook. A video produced by the video productions division of the Communications Department of the shelves being moved and the new carpet installation can be seen on the library's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BroomfieldPublicLibrary>.

- A new History of the West lecture series, arranged by the library's Adult Services Department, has proven to be very popular with the public. Attendance has grown steadily with 71 people attending the August 1 "Dressed to Head West: Clothing of the Overland Trails" and 118 attendees for "Hell on Wheels: Wicked Towns Along the Union Pacific Railroad" presented by former Denver Post columnist, Dick Kreck on August 20.

Most lectures are Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Eisenhower Room. The next scheduled program, "Prehistory of the Front Range: 12.7 Billion Years Ago to 1864," presented by Meg Van Ness, lead archaeologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will be Sept. 12.

- The Children's Library and the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art have teamed up to bring an art-making workshop each month in 2013. Join visiting artist Heather Cherry and work in a variety of art media, with the emphasis on creativity and fun. The program is the fourth Tuesday of each month. For ages 6 – 12. Registration required – call 720.887.2315. This program is made possible by a grant from the Scientific Cultural Facilities District. (SCFD).

### **Mark the calendar:**

**Sept. 12:** Lecture series - Prehistory of the Front Range, 7 to 8 p.m., Eisenhower Room at the library. Learn about prehistoric Colorado from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Lead Archaeologist Meg VanNess.

**Sept. 14:** Coffee with a Cop at the Starbucks, U.S. 287 and Miramonte Boulevard. Drop in to ask questions or just visit with local law enforcement officers. 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

**Sept. 14:** Broomfield is partnering with Shred-It to offer free shredding of confidential tax, medical, bank forms, etc. for safe and secure destruction. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Limit of three boxes weighing no more than 35 lbs. per box, per vehicle. Shred-It will also take up to three 32-gallon trash bags of shredded paper.

**Sept. 24:** Robotics workshop for youth ages 8 to 18 at the Broomfield Community Center, 4 to 5 p.m. To attend, RSVP to 720.887.2294.

**Oct. 3:** Community mapping workshop for ages 8 to 18, 4 to 5 p.m. at the Broomfield Community Center. To attend, RSVP to 720.887.2294.

**Oct. 4:** The annual Wellness Conference (April) and Resource Fair (November) have combined, creating an event addressing all aspects of life. Open to adults planning for the future or piecing it together right now, the day includes a vendor fair of 50 local providers of information and resources, a volunteer/job fair, a tour of the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library and workshops focusing on nutrition, physical fitness, elder law and in-home services. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is required. To register for the entire day with continental breakfast and lunch, cost is \$8 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. Use code 56617. Without the breakfast and lunch, cost is \$4. Use code 57243. Call 303.464.5526.

**Nov. 4:** Broomfield's Environmental Services Division presents a class on green cleaning to make the transition from "traditional" cleaners containing harmful chemicals to non-toxic cleaners. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Broomfield Recycling Center, 225 Commerce Street.

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

- **Sept. 11:** A Day to Remember's House Party with All Time Low, Pierce the Veil and The Wonder Years, 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 14:** Roller Dolls bout 5, 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 18:** Channel 93.3 presents Fall Out Boy, "Panic at the Disco," and twenty one pilots. 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 20:** The Weekend with Banks, 8 p.m.
- **Sept. 26:** Dancing with the Broomfield Stars. Tickets from the Broomfield Community Foundation, 303.469.7208
- **Oct. 5:** The Family Values Festival with KORN, Hollywood Undead, Asking Alexandria, Machine Gun Kelly, Beware of Darkness, 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 11:** DeTwang with Zeds Dead/Krewella, 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 15:** Passion Pit, 8 p.m.
- **Oct. 19:** Boxing: Alvarado vs. Provodnikov, 5:45 p.m.
- **Oct. 22:** J Cole with special guest Wale, 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 31:** Griz and Gramatik, 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 12:** So You Think You Can Dance, 8 p.m.
- **Nov. 13:** Nine Inch Nails, 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 15:** Excision with Deltron 3030, 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 16:** Selena Gomez, 7 p.m.
- **Dec. 28, 29:** String Cheese Incident, 7 p.m.
- **Dec. 31:** String Cheese Incident, 7:30 p.m.

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

*Departmental updates ...*

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)**

**Workforce Center** – Hiring events, classes and job club events continued in August. The following tables give a snapshot of these activities and the number of people served. Also in August, twice weekly workforce orientations were presented to 156 attendees.

**Hiring Events**

Employer	Position(s)	Attendees
The Senior Hub	Personal Care Workers	3
CMG	Production/Welder/QA/ Molding Operator	3
Kelly Services	Delivery Drivers for FedEx Ground	2
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**Classes**

Date	Title	Attendees
8-12-13	Dress for Interview Success	3
8-13-13	Microsoft Word Basics	2
8-15-13	Resume Class	5
8-15-13	LinkedIn	4
8-19-13	Interview Skills to Land Your Next Job	8 - Instructor did not come
8-20-13	Myers-Briggs Workshop	2
8-22-13	Positive Self Image	8
8-22-13	Interview Class	6
8-29-13	Stress Management Workshop	6
8-29-13	Cover Letter Class	5
8-30-13	Resume Class	6

**Job Club**

Date	Title	Attendees
8-13-13	Hidden Job Market	21
8-20-13	Experienced Workers	11
8-27-13	Interview	26

**RECREATION SERVICES**

**Gymnastics** – the gymnastics program conducted in the Bob Prince Gymnastics Center at Broomfield's Paul Derda Recreation Center has grown steadily since 2004. This year, it's on track to be one of the biggest programs since opening. The challenge of offering quality programs to an ever-increasing clientele under a tight budget has led to many creative measures. Among these are: extensive schedule changes to allow more classes, overlapping classes, adding time slots earlier and later in the day, adding age groups to accommodate everyone and holding more and larger camps to create more revenue for Broomfield. A case in point is the enrollment limit of the "Going for the Gold" four-day gymnastics camp offered in August. Enrollment was increased from 30 to 80 participants this year.

**Gymnastics growth at the Paul Derda Recreation Center – 2004 to 2013**

Month	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Jan.	550	795	860	898	915	985	1030	950	881	955
Feb.	590	800	875	862	928	985	1030	950	881	1036
March	620	835	860	862	975	930	950	850	721	1036
April	545	735	650	654	725	750	738	615	721	747
May	475	518	670	654	725	750	738	615	592	671
June	555	525	595	679	770	700	710	728	744	800
July	560	562	620	679	770	700	710	728	744	800
Aug.	560	584	620	679	770	700	710	728	744	800
Sept.	763	763	790	749	800	740	885	708	876	
Oct.	763	768	801	851	886	880	885	708	876	
Nov.	855	830	820	851	886	840	810	810	582	
Dec.	855	830	830	851	916	840	810	810	849	
	<b>7691</b>	<b>8545</b>	<b>8991</b>	<b>9269</b>	<b>10066</b>	<b>9800</b>	<b>10006</b>	<b>9200</b>	<b>9211</b>	<b>6845</b>

The gymnastics program has experienced steady growth over the years, with few exceptions.

Significant accomplishments in 2013 include:

- Coaching 100 team girls and having all of them qualify for the Regional Competition in Colorado.
- Successfully hosting the largest meet of the year, a two-day competition with approximately 500 competitors.
- Including the Special Olympics gymnastics team in the program and in competitions.
- Being the second largest program in Colorado.

- Participating in one of the largest Broomfield community events by performing and/or marching in the Broomfield Days Parade.
- Having three of the top high school programs in the state making use of the Bob Prince Center's state of the art gymnastics facility in the off season.
- Broomfield has the coaching staff of the top three high school programs as employees.
- Broomfield offers many more private lessons, especially to beginners who are having a hard time finding a class that is open

## At the Audi..

### In the gallery...

A Recycled Show featuring Eco Art Creators continues through Sept. 29.

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.

### CU Jazz concerts return on first Wednesdays

CU Jazz continues at the Broomfield Auditorium through the fall on the first Wednesdays of the month. This popular program brings performers from the CU College of Music to Broomfield. Tickets are \$5 for general admission with seats on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com).

The next performance, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m., features "Blues in the Night" with the sound of blues in a uniquely jazz style.

### Celebrate National Humanities Month

National Humanities Month in Broomfield kicks off with an evening of poetry and song on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Broomfield Auditorium. Wendy Woo, M.D. Friedman and Wayne Gilbert weave together original improvisational music and poetry. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors.

Woo, a mainstay in Colorado's music scene, brings her energetic personality, musical skills and spirited songwriting talents to Broomfield. The media and fan

favorite has played in venues across the country, including Colorado's Fox Theater and Red Rocks.

Friedman is a poet, digital artist, teacher, composer, musician, photographer and more. He hails from Lafayette, Colo., and writes "from the moment," drawing influences from sources as divergent as William Butler Yeats and the delta blues. He is the founder of the Internet Poets' Cooperative on the web and is the creator of Digital Poetry which incorporates his poetry with original sound, animation, photography, digital art and video.

Gilbert, a retired community college teacher, continues to teach teachers working on their master's degree in education and the University of Colorado Denver. He is known as "magma poet" and often performs with improvising musicians. Despite being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, Gilbert keeps an active schedule writing, teaching, performing and facilitating workshops on grieving and growing, healing the wounded teacher, living with chronic disease and writing as a spiritual practice. He is also a board member for Art as Action and a dancer in that organization's "Re-Connect with Your Body: Dance for P.D." program.

### Auditorium calendar

**Sept. 14:** Cultural Affairs presents the Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra as it swings into fall at 7 p.m. This 19 piece jazz orchestra is continuing the big band sound and is a must-see. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and students from [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/414683](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/414683).

**Sept. 15:** Colorado Fine Arts Association brings “South Indian Classical Music” at 2 p.m. Free.

**Sept. 18:** Cultural Affairs presents the Colorado Symphony Orchestra’s “Haydn Quartet Slam.” 7 p.m. Tickets: \$5 at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/419025](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/419025) or during box office hours.

**Sept. 22:** Rocky Mountain Brassworks – no introduction needed. 2 p.m. Tickets: \$15/\$10/\$5 from [www.rockymountainbrassworks.org](http://www.rockymountainbrassworks.org).

**Sept. 27:** The Boulder Chamber Orchestra brings “Color and Creativity” featuring Stephanie Chase on violin. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25/\$18/\$12 from [boulderchamberorchestra.org/tickets.html](http://boulderchamberorchestra.org/tickets.html).

**Sept. 28:** Broomfield Council on the Arts and Humanities brings the family friendly Broomfield Amber Film Series - local film making featuring film vs. digital and silent film. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5 individual, \$7 family.

