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Safety Services taking steps to crack down on graffiti

Graffiti removal and prevention are high priorities for the City of Englewood. The last several years have seen an increase in graffiti and tagging throughout our community, and City Council and Safety Services are taking steps to help curb it.

The Englewood Police Division has stepped up enforcement of graffiti violations over the past year. During 2006, 23 arrests were made. Since a single offender can account for several acts of graffiti, each arrest makes a difference in helping counteract the problem.

Report graffiti
303-762-2335

Graffiti is an act of vandalism, and if it's not removed in a timely manner, it can foster additional incidences. The City's nuisance codes call for prompt removal of graffiti and tagging. Quick removal is important because it lessens the likelihood of additional tagging and shows that the community takes the problem seriously.

If you see graffiti, report it as soon as possible to Code Enforcement: 303-762-2335. If you see someone in the act of graffiti vandalism, call the non-emergency Police dispatch number: 303-762-2438.
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The City is responsible for cleaning graffiti in Englewood's parks and rights-of-way. Above, a member of the Parks staff cleans a sign.

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Citizen Survey Update

Details on page 5.



Ray Tomasso
District 1

Message from City Council

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best in the New Year. While we look forward to the opportunities and challenges

that face us, it is good to reflect back on our accomplishments from the previous year. These accomplishments, a few of which are listed below, are the result of the hard work of the citizens of Englewood, the business community, and city officials and staff.

Through public and private efforts, we saw the opening of Hampden Hall, the City's new performance center. Hampden Hall hosted the first annual Englewood Art Exhibit and Englewood Arts' National Juried Arts Show, as well as several concerts and theatrical performances. Another arts-related activity, "Artabout Englewood," took place in August. It was a day-long celebration that featured tours of artists' studios throughout the community.

We were also able to accomplish several recreation-related projects. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan was completed and approved. Englewood also received a \$250,000 open space grant from Arapahoe County for a wetlands preservation project along the Platte River. Canine Corral, the new off-leash dog park celebrated its grand opening in August.

Englewood's businesses have also been busy. The Old Town Merchants held their second annual car show,

which drew an even larger audience this year. Plans are under way to make next year's event even bigger and better.

There are many new businesses along Broadway: Starbucks, Panda Express, Frame de Art, Green Ink Source, New York Subs, Jerry's Artarama, and Art-nic (a co-op art gallery). These are just a few of the nearly 500 new sales tax licenses that were issued in Englewood this year. The downtown merchants have worked hard for the last 14 months to develop the South Broadway Business Improvement District. This is a self-taxing district that was formed to market and improve South Broadway. In addition, local merchants have been meeting, sharing ideas, and developing a real sense of community.

The health of the City is based on sales and use taxes. With major development projects under way, such as Kent Place, the expansion at Swedish Medical Center, and the Masonic Square, we should continue to see future improvements in the health of our revenues.

Please consider strolling Broadway and the other business districts in Englewood to see what's new, and also reacquaint yourself with our long-standing businesses. Take advantage of all the goods and services our merchants have to offer. Invite your friends to visit a new (or maybe an old favorite) restaurant. Remember, tax dollars spent here stay here for your benefit.

Englewood City Council



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Mayor
At Large



Jim Woodward
Mayor Pro Tem
At Large



Laurrett Barrentine
District 3



Bob McCaslin
At Large



John Moore
District 2



Wayne Oakley
District 4



Ray Tomasso
District 1

Englewood City Council Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month. The meetings are open to the public, and interested parties are welcome and invited to attend. If you plan to attend a meeting, and you have a disability requiring auxiliary aids or services, please notify the City of Englewood (303-762-2405) at least 48 hours in advance of when the services are needed.

Graffiti *(Continued from p. 1.)*

The current cleanup process requires that graffiti be documented and photographed by Code Enforcement before it is removed. Once graffiti is reported, the property owner or the person responsible for the vandalized property is asked to remove the graffiti within seven days.

“Our goal is voluntary compliance,” said Commander Sam Watson, who oversees Code Enforcement. According to

Commander Watson, the vast majority do remove graffiti within the seven day timeframe.

“Those who don’t clean it up in the time requested receive an official violation notice, and further enforcement action is taken if the graffiti is not removed by the follow-up deadline,” he added.

The ordinances also apply to City property and there is an aggressive program in place for the

identification, documentation, and removal of graffiti in our parks, rights-of-way, and on City facilities. Code Enforcement officers carry clean-up materials with them so they can ensure removal in a timely manner. Code Enforcement officers are also available to offer tips and recommendations to property owners who have questions about graffiti removal.

“Our goal is voluntary compliance.”

City Council has had discussions with staff about ways to further reduce incidents of graffiti. As this issue

goes to press, Council is considering shortening the timeframe requirement for graffiti removal. Staff is also researching the feasibility of using volunteers to help in cleanup efforts.

Watch future editions of the *Englewood Citizen* or log on to our Web site (www.Englewood.gov.org) for information about any ordinance changes or programs related to graffiti.



City Council recently honored the artists whose work is included in the 2007 Englewood Calendar. Pictured above (front row, left to right): Annessa DeAndrea, Alandra DeAndrea, Edwing Barroso, Destiny Hernandez, Leah Crane, Sydney Hyde; (back row, left to right): Jackson Matthews, Anna Schultz, Kaylie Johnson, Jamie Stewart, and Antonio Flamenco. (Not pictured: Rylee-Ann Forster, Clara Gomez, Sheala Morrison, Macaylla Nielsen, Issac Resinos, and Sophia Vamvakias.)

The 2007 Calendars are going quickly, but there are still a few available at the following locations:

- **Englewood Recreation Center**
1155 West Oxford Avenue
- **Englewood Public Library**
1000 Englewood Parkway
- **Malley Senior Recreation Center**
3380 South Lincoln Street

Council to consider “vicious dog” legislation

Tentative Timeline for Vicious Dog Legislation

January 8: First Reading City Council will consider an ordinance on first reading and set a public hearing date.

February 5: Public Hearing Interested parties are invited to speak at the public hearing.

February 20: Second Reading Council will consider the ordinance on second reading.

All meetings will take place at 7:30 pm.

**Englewood Civic Center, 2nd Floor Council Chambers
1000 Englewood Parkway**

City Council has begun discussions about amending the City’s current ordinance regarding vicious pets. Based on preliminary direction from Council, the City Attorney has drafted amendments to the current ordinance. The proposed changes do not include any breed-specific language, but rather, they are aimed at strengthening enforcement efforts and imposing stricter penalties for owners whose pets present a danger to the community.

The amended ordinance is likely to be introduced at the January 8 City Council meeting. A Public Hearing to gather input from the community on the proposed changes is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 5.

If you have an interest in this topic, please plan to attend the Public Hearing. The timeline to the left is tentative. Details on the public hearing will be included on our Web site (www.Englewoodgov.org) once the date is finalized.

Board and Commission members needed

Volunteers make a difference

City Council is seeking volunteers to fill vacancies on the City's various boards and commissions. Serving on a board is a great way to get involved in your local government. Members serve as advisors to City Council on a variety of issues important to our community. The following boards currently have vacancies:

- Alliance for Commerce in Englewood
- Board of Adjustment & Appeals
- Code Enforcement Advisory Committee
- Cultural Arts Commission
- Election Commission
- Keep Englewood Beautiful
- Malley Center Trust Fund
- Non-Emergency Employees Retirement Board
- Planning & Zoning Commission
- Public Library Board
- Transportation Advisory Committee
- Urban Renewal Authority
- Water & Sewer Board

If you are interested in applying, visit www.engagewoodgov.org and look under "What's New" or call the City Manager's Office at 303-762-2310. Deadline for applications is Friday, January 12, 2007.

The **Englewood Citizen** newsletter is published every other month by the City of Englewood to provide residents and businesses with news and information about the City. If you have questions or comments, call the City Manager's Office at 303-762-2316. The newsletter is available in alternative format upon request.

Visit us online: www.engagewoodgov.org
or e-mail us: info@engagewoodgov.org

City boards focused on cleaning up Englewood

Each of Englewood's boards and commissions play an important role in our community, but there are two boards in particular whose primary goals are focused on cleaning up and beautifying the city: the Code Enforcement Advisory Committee and Keep Englewood Beautiful.

The Code Enforcement Advisory Committee provides guidance and recommendations on Code Enforcement issues like graffiti, parking, trash, and other nuisance codes. Keep Englewood Beautiful, a Keep America Beautiful affiliate, focuses on educational

efforts and programs that foster environmental responsibility in our community.

If you'd like to see first-hand what these committees do and see if you'd like to get involved, please attend an upcoming meeting (see schedule below).

Upcoming Meetings:

Keep Englewood Beautiful

Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 pm. KEB meets the second Tuesday of each month.

Code Enforcement Advisory Committee

Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30 pm. This board meets the third Wednesday of each month.

Englewood Civic Center

City Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor
1000 Englewood Parkway

Winter Storm Safety Tips from the Fire Division

When winter storms hit, they can cause fire and other safety hazards, but many of these problems can be avoided if you know what to look for and take proper precautions. The Englewood Fire Division encourages you to follow these safety tips to help protect yourself, your family, and your home from the threat of fire or injury during or after a winter storm.

- If your home has sustained water damage and you can safely get to the main breaker or fuse box, turn off the power.
- Assume all wires on the ground

are electrically charged.

- Replace frayed or cracked extension cords and loose plugs.
- Appliances that emit smoke or sparks should be repaired or replaced.
- Smell and listen for leaky gas connections. If you believe there is a gas leak, immediately leave the house and leave the door(s) open.
- Always call a professional if you suspect electrical problems or gas leaks.

Visit www.nfpa.org for additional tips and information on fire safety and winter storm safety.

Survey planned to gather citizen input

The City of Englewood is initiating a Citizen Survey to help us gauge how we're doing in the eyes of our citizens. The National Research Center will conduct the survey in January. The survey will include questions about services and programs, as well as general questions about the community.

400 participants will be randomly selected to fill out the five page survey. The survey will provide follow-up information to our last survey, which was conducted in 2001.

If your household is chosen, please take the time to fill out the survey candidly and completely. Your input is

very important to us as we analyze our effectiveness and plan future programs and services.

The survey results will be finalized in March, 2007. Results will be posted on our Web site and highlighted in the May/June edition of the *Englewood Citizen* newsletter.

An afternoon with Avi

Newbury award-winning author to visit Englewood

Englewood Public Library presents an afternoon with renowned children's author Avi on Saturday, February 17 at 2 pm. The program will take place in Hampden Hall at the Englewood Civic Center. Avi will present a reader's theater based on several of his books. Seating is limited and a ticket will be required in order to attend. Tickets to the event are free, and will be available at the Library's circulation desk starting Monday, January 8.

**Saturday, February 17
2 pm**

**Hampden Hall
at Englewood Civic Center**
1000 Englewood Pkwy. (2nd Floor)

Tickets required: The program is free, but seating is limited and a ticket will be required. Sorry, we can't reserve tickets - you'll need to pick them up in advance at the Library's Circulation Desk.

Avi will sign books in the Library's Story Time Room after the program. Books will be available for purchase at that time. For more information, call the children's desk at 303-783-6960. The library is located on the first floor of the Englewood Civic Center at 1000 Englewood Parkway.

Tax preparation assistance **Free!**

**Fridays: February 2
through April 13**

9 am - 4 pm

**Malley Center
3380 S. Lincoln Street.**

Volunteer tax counselors will be available to help you complete your 2006 state and federal tax returns. Bring all forms reporting income, along with your tax form packets, and copies of your 2005 returns. This is a first-come, first-served walk-in service.

Visiting counselors are available for participants unable to leave their homes. To schedule a visiting counselor, call Paul Mullen at 303-798-5958.

Construction begins on golf course improvements

Golf course agreement approved

After nearly two years of negotiations, an agreement was reached with Miller Weingarten Realty, whose River Point at Sheridan development impacts the Englewood Golf Course. As a result of the agreement, major renovation and enhancements are being constructed at the Englewood Golf

Course. Construction began in December and is expected to be completed in the spring of 2008. The golf course (including the clubhouse, pro shop, and restaurant) remains open during construction, but play is limited to the back nine holes.

For details on the agreement and the golf course redesign, visit our Web site at www.engagewoodgov.org. For general questions or concerns on River Point at Sheridan, please contact the hotline number at 303-223-6584 or visit www.riverpointsheridan.com.

Travel the world *with the Friends of the Library's free travel programs*

Travels in Germany **Thursday, January 25 ■ 7 pm**

Englewood City Manager Gary Sears and his wife, Dianne, will share stories and photographs from their trip to Germany last summer. The trip was part of an exchange program sponsored by the International City Management Association.

Wintertime in Ecuador and Peru **Thursday, February 8 ■ 7 pm**

Join Marilyn and Dave Binkley as they share stories of their winter travels in South America.



The Dome Cathedral in Berlin, Germany.

These travel programs are free and open to the public, compliments of the Friends of the Englewood Public Library.

Englewood Civic Center ■ Community Room (2nd Floor) ■ 1000 Englewood Parkway

Library to conduct patron surveys

From January 8 through 14, 2007 the Englewood Public Library will conduct patron surveys that will help with the Library's five-year planning process. The surveys will be randomly distributed throughout the week to get a broad sample of patrons.

If you happen to be in the Library when the surveys are being conducted, we would appreciate your participation. Your input is important as we plan future library programs and services.

Fitness Challenge 2007

Get fit in the new year

Start the new year off right with the Englewood Recreation Center's annual Fitness Challenge. Participate in fitness classes or work out on your own at the recreation center at least three times a week between January 6 and March 24 to get fit and be eligible for prize drawings.

The annual challenge kicks off on Saturday, January 6 from 8 am to Noon at the Englewood Recreation Center. Participants can visit with health exhibitors, have health screenings, and tour the facility to see the equipment and classes that are available. An optional body composition fitness assessment is available for \$15 for residents or \$19 for non-

residents. Call 303-762-2680 if you are interested in scheduling the body composition assessment with one of the Recreation Center's Personal Trainers.

The Englewood Recreation Center is located at 1155 West Oxford Avenue.

Fitness Challenge Kick-Off

**Saturday, January 6
8 am to Noon**

Englewood Recreation Center
1155 W. Oxford Avenue

Workshops for first-time homebuyers

Free!

Wednesday, January 24

5:30 - 9:30 pm

Saturday, February 3

9 am - 3 pm

Englewood Civic Center
2nd Floor Community Room
1000 Englewood Parkway

Call Colorado Housing Assistance Corporation (303-572-9445) to register for the Wednesday class. For the Saturday class, call Consumer Credit Counseling (303-632-2202) or visit www.crediteducation.org. For general information on the workshops, call 303-762-2349.

Englewood Arts Concert Series

Horns on Fire II

Saturday, January 27 ■ 7:30 pm

CSO Brass Quintet

Saturday, February 10 ■ 2 pm

Fankofa - Spirituals Project Ensemble

Saturday, February 24 ■ 2 pm

Back to Bach VI

Saturday, March 3 ■ 7:30 pm

Ticket prices vary. For information and reservations, call 303-806-8196. Tickets may also be purchased at the door prior to each concert. For additional information, visit Englewood Arts' Web site at www.Englewoodarts.com.



Hampden Hall

at Englewood Civic Center
1000 Englewood Parkway

Directory of City services

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- City Attorney303-762-2320
- City Council303-762-2311
- City Manager303-762-2310
- Community Development303-762-2342
- Court303-762-2580
- Finance303-762-2400
- Human Resources303-762-2370
- JOBLINE303-762-2304
- City Information303-762-2300
- Library303-762-2560
- Parks and Recreation303-762-2680
- Golf Course303-762-2670
- Malley Senior Recreation Center303-762-2660
- Pirates Cove303-762-2683
- Recreation Center303-762-2680
- RecZone (Youth Activities)303-762-2680
- Public Works303-762-2500
- Safety Services (Police & Fire Services)303-762-2470
- EMERGENCIES911
- Code Enforcement303-762-2335
- Utilities Department303-762-2635
- After Hours/Holidays Emergencies303-762-2650
- Wastewater Treatment Plant303-762-2600

Visit our Web site for a detailed directory of departments and services:

www.Englewoodgov.org

Home Improvement Loan Program

Winter is a great time to start thinking about your home improvement projects for spring. Englewood offers a loan program that may help with those improvements. All Englewood homeowners, regardless of income, are eligible to apply for a loan to fix up or enlarge their homes.

Current interest rates are 7.6%. If you meet HUD income

guidelines, you may be eligible for interest rates as low as 0%. Apply now and be ready to start when the weather warms back up! Applications are taken on a first-come, first-served basis and there may be a waiting list, depending on how many people apply. Call 303-762-2349 for an application or for more information about the program.

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Upcoming Events

Mon. Jan. 1, 2007	HOLIDAY - New Year's Day Civic Center Offices/Library/Malley/Recreation Center Closed	
Sat. Jan. 6	Fitness Challenge Kick-Off Englewood Recreation Center (see page 6)	8 am - Noon
Mon. Jan. 8	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center - Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Mon. Jan. 15	HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Observed) Civic Center Offices/Library/Malley Center Closed	
Tues. Jan. 16	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center - 2nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Thurs. Jan. 25	Free Travel Program: Travels in Germany Englewood Civic Center, 2nd Floor Community Room (see page 6)	7 pm
Sat. Jan. 27	Englewood Arts Concert - Horns on Fire II Hampden Hall at Englewood Civic Center	2 pm
Mon. Feb. 5	Englewood City Council Meeting and Public Hearing on Vicious Dogs Englewood Civic Center - 2nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Thurs. Feb. 8	Free Travel Program: Winter in Ecuador and Peru Englewood Civic Center, 2nd Floor Community Room (see page 6)	7 pm
Sat. Feb. 10	Englewood Arts Concert - CSO Brass Quintet Hampden Hall at Englewood Civic Center	2 pm
	Belly Dance Recital Malley Center, 3380 S. Lincoln Street (Free)	7 pm
Sat. Feb. 17	An Afternoon with Avi, the Children's Author Hampden Hall at Englewood Civic Center (see page 5)	2 pm
Mon. Feb. 19	HOLIDAY - Presidents' Day Civic Center/Library/Malley Center Closed	
Tues. Feb. 20	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center - 2nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Sat. Feb. 24	Englewood Arts Concert - Fankofa (the Spirituals Project) Hampden Hall at Englewood Civic Center	2 pm
Sat. March 3	Englewood Arts Concert - Back to Bach VI Hampden Hall at Englewood Civic Center	7:30 pm
Mon. March 5	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center - 2nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm

Turning trees into mulch

Recycle your Christmas tree!

The Parks Division offers Englewood residents an opportunity to recycle Christmas trees after the holidays. From January 1 through 31, you can drop off your tree at the following locations:

- Bates Logan Park, 2938 S. Logan Street
- Centennial Park, 4630 S. Decatur Street (south parking lot)
- Belleview Park, 5001 S. Inca Street (south parking lot)
- Miller Field, 3600 S. Elati Street

Please make sure your tree is free of nails, tree stands, and decorations before dropping it off.

The trees will be turned into mulch that will be used in Englewood's parks. Some of the mulch may also be available for gardeners free of charge this spring. For information on mulch availability, call 303-762-2520 or 303-762-2541.



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