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Negotiations under way to contract with Denver Fire Department for fire/rescue services

At its February 17 study session, Englewood City Council directed City Manager Eric Keck to enter into contract negotiations with the Denver Fire Department to provide fire and emergency medical services for the City of Englewood.

The decision followed a recommendation from City Manager Eric Keck, who had spent the last four months researching options that had been on the table for the future of the Englewood Fire Department.

Englewood City Council has been in discussions about the City's Fire Department for nearly two years. It had become apparent that the Englewood Fire Department's budget was unsustainable in the face of aging equipment and facilities, and the increased costs of the department's ongoing operations and maintenance.

When City Council hired Eric Keck as City Manager in September, 2014 they directed him to research and make a

recommendation on the Fire Department issue as his first order of business. After four months of researching alternatives and in-depth discussions with the City of Englewood's firefighters and administration, Mr. Keck recommended contracting with Denver as the most efficient and economically viable alternative.

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Throughout the discussions, City Council has made it clear that the safety of the community is top priority and that there must be a smooth transition for Englewood's current fire department employees. Council noted that both of those priorities need to be strongly stated in the contract.

"This is the biggest issue Englewood has faced during my term on City Council," stated Mayor Randy Penn. "These types of big issues must be addressed by the City's leaders. It's time to make a decision and move forward."

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Englewood Fire Department conducting a training exercise at Craig Hospital.

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Message from City Council

So, what is “Constant”?

It has been said *that the only “Constant” in life is change. “Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to*

miss the future.” John F. Kennedy

Have you noticed changes here in Englewood? Some changes are easy, like the new Englewood Campus, the addition of many new businesses such as Sprouts Farmers Market grocery store and 5-Guys Burgers to name a few, and an updated King Soopers. You may have also noticed many new apartments being built. Many new people will be calling Englewood “Home” soon.

Some changes are harder to accept, like changing our Fire service or the reduced library hours. These changes are needed so our city can continue operate effectively! For us to move our city forward, we can’t be focused on the ways and thought patterns of the past! I love tradition and I am not advocating disavowing it, but we must understand the importance of the differences between tradition and change and how to enhance both. This is how we must proceed! I also believe that if change is to be productive, it must enhance the foundations and values of our past as well.

The “Serenity Prayer” says – *“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”* These are great words written by Reinhold Niebuhr back in 1926 during great turmoil of the world at war and all the changes it brought them.

I find it in my nature to rebuff change until I finally realize the inevitability of it! Maybe I am alone on this but I have a hunch that some others may be experiencing the same feelings! Change for the sake of change is not effective! It must mean that things will be better by it. I hope you will embrace the coming changes and find your roles in it as well! Remember, the only constant in life, and our City, is change!

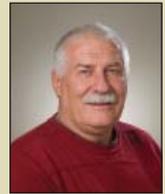
One final quote: *“Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.”* George Bernard Shaw

While I, like others, may struggle with some change, I do look forward to the progress our community is sure to make if we all work together to create a better, stronger, and more financially secure city.

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Englewood City Council meetings are normally held the first and third Mondays of each month. The meetings are open to the public and interested parties are welcome 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 services are needed.

Fire/EMS Services (Continued from page 1)

South Metro Fire Rescue Authority and the Denver Fire Department had both submitted proposals to serve Englewood.

The matter had been discussed several times over the last two years, but no decision had been reached.

The Denver proposal allows for continued fire services without a tax increase. South Metro's proposal would have required a property tax increase for Englewood residents and

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businesses, as would keeping Englewood Fire Department a stand-alone department.

Contract negotiations with Denver are expected to take place over the next few months.

Once a contract is finalized, it will come before City Council for approval. Updates will be provided on our website and in future issues of the *Englewood Citizen* newsletter.

Visit www.engagewoodgov.org for more information on contract negotiations in the coming months.



KidConnections means Summer Fun!

Englewood Recreation Summer Camp runs June 8 through August 7.

Registration begins March 13!

Visit www.engagewoodrec.org for more information.

Notice of Water Line Flushing April 13 through 17

During the Englewood Utilities Department's annual spring maintenance project, crews will flush water mains throughout the city to clear out sediment and residue buildup. Work will begin Monday, April 13 and will run from 7 am to 11 pm daily for approximately five days, until all water mains have been flushed.

While the flushing program is under way in your area, you may notice a slight drop in water pressure or temporary water discoloration. If this happens, allow your faucets to run cold water for a short time until the water runs clear.

Due to the nature of the project and the limited amount of time available to complete it, crews are not able to provide residents with prior notification of their daily schedules.



Malley Center Annual Maintenance Closure

From March 2 through 8, the Malley Senior Recreation Center will be closed for various maintenance projects.

Free! Workshop for first-time homebuyers

Thursday, March 12
5:30 - 9:30 pm

Malley Center

Peak Classroom - 3380 S. Lincoln St.

Register online at the Colorado Housing Assistance Corporation's website (www.coloradohousingassistance.org) or call 303-572-9445, ext. 3 and leave your name and number. For general information on the class, call Englewood's Community Development Department at 303-762-2347.



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PAID SUMMER ART INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

Want to work in an art studio with a professional artist this summer while learning about the public art process? MOA is recruiting summer interns for its **Design and Build** Program. The internship is open to undergraduate and high school senior level students. College credit may also be available.

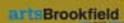
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Summer Art Internship

WWW.MOANLINE.ORG/DESIGN-AND-BUILD



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Englewood Public Library News & Events

Food For Fines: March 1 - 15

Don't miss our Spring Food for Fines from March 1 through 15. Bring in one non-perishable food item to waive \$5.00 in overdue library fines. It's a great way to clear your library account and help our neighbors in need.

Student Art Show Open House Thursday, March 19 • 4 - 6 pm

Join us for an open house artists' reception for our popular annual student art show. We will showcase the works of young artists from Englewood Schools throughout the Library and offer refreshments for everyone.

Spring Break Crazy Crafts Thursday, March 26 • 2 pm

Looking for something to do during Spring Break? Join us for Crazy Crafts, an afternoon of crafts and fun for all ages. No registration required.

Picture Book Pursuit

Join us during March for Picture Book Pursuit, a scavenger hunt for children in our newly reorganized story book section. No more searching for the author's name or worrying about Dewey Decimal. Look under "Favorite Friends" for Curious George or find every dinosaur book in the same place. It's fun, it's new, and it's easy!

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Now all you need is an Englewood Library card to stream movies, music, and audio books. Visit our website or call the library today to learn more about our latest digital collection, hoopla!



Englewood Public Library • 1000 Englewood Parkway
www.engagewood.gov/library • 303-762-2560



CONCERTS

See the entire 2015 lineup at engagewoodarts.org.

Friday, March 6 • 7:30 pm • Alfred Muro, Guitar

Award-winning Latin virtuoso with a forte in folk, jazz, and more

Saturday, March 14 • 2 pm • Brahms & Beethoven Sonatas

Featuring Silver Ainomäe on cello and Joshua Sawicki on piano

Friday, April 10 • 7:30 pm • Austin Piazzolla Quintet

One of the foremost tango ensembles in the country

Saturday, April 11 • 2 pm • Spring Serenade

Featuring the Ivy Street Ensemble and Up Close and Musical String Orchestra



Hamptden Hall

2nd floor of the Englewood Civic Center • 1000 Englewood Parkway

Tickets & information at engagewoodarts.org.

Malley Center
to welcome Storyteller
Denis Gessing

Thursday, April 30
10:30 am

Malley Senior Recreation Center
3380 S. Lincoln Street

Join national storyteller Denis Gessing for stories dedicated to folks over age 60, but enjoyed by all.

Tickets are \$5, available at the Malley Center front desk.

Sponsored in part by HUMANA.

Great Egg Scramble
Saturday, March 28

10 am (Gates open at 9:30 am)

Miller Field, 3600 S. Elati Street
\$1 per child (ages 1-8 years old)



CHAMPS Grant Update

Initiative aimed at combatting childhood hunger

The City of Englewood has been awarded a grant from the National League of Cities and the Food Research and Action Center to participate in the Cities Combating Hunger through Afterschool and Summer Meal Programs (CHAMPS) initiative with the City of Denver.

The CHAMPS program is aimed at curbing childhood hunger by providing nutritious meals for children and youth through summertime, after school, and weekend meal programs. The City of Englewood is partnering with the Englewood Public Schools.

Bishop Elementary School has been identified as the primary site for meal distribution during the school year. The site for the summer meals program is still being determined.

The percentage of Englewood students who receive free or reduced price meals in the area served by Bishop Elementary School is 86%. The City's goal is to reach 240 eligible students with the after school meals program and 200 eligible students with the summer meals program. The desired outcome is the reduction of hunger among students and to supplement the programs currently in place through Englewood Public Schools.

The City is currently awaiting approval from the State of Colorado for the after school program. Watch the City website (www.engagewoodgov.org) for more information on the CHAMPS program once details are finalized.

Annual Arbor Day
TREE SALE

Saturday, April 18
8 am to Noon (or sell-out)

Cushing Park

700 W. Dartmouth Avenue

\$10 Trees!

Over 100 trees will be available for sale to Englewood residents on a first-come, first-served basis at the Parks Division's annual tree sale. Varieties will include four types of fruit trees, as well as ornamental and shade trees.

The trees are \$10 each, which includes sales tax. (Cash or check only, please.)



Online police reporting system

Residents can now submit police reports online for minor incidents like property damage, lost property, telephone harassment, thefts, and crime tips. The new system not only allows people to file reports online, but they can also submit crime tips to report information that may help identify individuals responsible for criminal acts.

To learn more about the new online reporting system, visit the Police Department online at: www.engagewoodgov.org/online-police-reports

Police Department warns of repair scams

Every spring the Englewood Police Department receives reports from people who have been the victim of home repair scams. There are a variety of scams that surface every year—often in spring—in Englewood and surrounding communities.

Over the past several years, we have had a variety of home repair scams such as concrete and roofing repair. If someone comes to your home with an offer that

sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Be very wary of letting an unsolicited repair person into your home. If you have been contacted by an unsolicited worker and suspect a home repair scam, please contact the Police Department at 303-761-7410. For more safety tips, visit www.engagewoodgov.org/police-community-relations.

New Business Update

As space allows in the *Englewood Citizen*, we like to keep the community informed about new businesses in Englewood. The City of Englewood welcomes the following new businesses:

Have a new business?

If you have opened a new business in Englewood, please let us know and your business could be profiled in the *Englewood Citizen* (as space allows). Email us at info@engagewoodgov.org and make sure to include the business name, address, phone number, website address, and a brief description of your business.

Realty Professionals, LLC
3490 S. Broadway
www.realtyprofessionalsco.com
A group of real estate brokers focusing heavily on Englewood residential listings.

Miyako Ramen Noodles
2950 S. Broadway, Suite A2
Watch for a grand opening at this trendy little noodle house this spring! A traditional ramen restaurant (right next door to Trompeau Bakery), offering great food at reasonable prices.

Englewood PD Upcoming Events

Coffee with a Cop

Join officers from the Englewood Police Department for coffee and discussion.

Thursday, March 19

7:30 - 9:00 am

Starbucks • Bates & Broadway

Topic: Disaster Preparedness

Wednesday, April 22

7:30 - 9:30 am

Nixon's Coffee House

871 Englewood Parkway

Topic: Crime Prevention

Self-Defense Class

Free self-defense class for adults taught by Englewood Police Officers.

Saturday, April 4

9 am - 2 pm

Englewood Police Department

3615 S. Elati Street

Advance registration required.

For details on these and other upcoming EPD events, visit:

**[www.engagewoodgov.org/
police-community-relations](http://www.engagewoodgov.org/police-community-relations)**

Save the Date!

Englewood Business Summit

Thursday, May 14, 2015 • 7:30 - 10 am

Englewood Civic Center • 1000 Englewood Parkway

Featuring guest speaker Brad Segal, President of Progressive Urban Management Associates

Watch for more information in the May/June edition of the *Englewood Citizen* newsletter.

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, please call the City Manager's Office at 303-762-2316. This newsletter is available in alternative format upon request.

Website: www.engagewoodgov.org

Email: info@engagewoodgov.org

Notice of changes to Colorado's vehicle emission inspection program

The State of Colorado made some significant changes to its vehicle emissions inspection program beginning in 2015. Here are some of the changes you should know before your next emissions inspection:

- New vehicle inspection exemption increased from four model years to seven.
- Vehicles from eight to eleven years old will need their "On-Board Diagnostics" checked, which means if your "Check Engine" light is on, your car will fail the inspection.
- Inspection stations now accept cash, checks, and credit cards.

- RapidScreen roadside inspection is still part of the program.
- Vehicles 12 years and older will continue to get the "I/M 240" dynamometer (treadmill) test.
- Hybrid vehicles eight years and older now require inspections.
- By the middle of 2015, most AirCare Colorado inspection stations will have at least two lanes dedicated to All-Wheel Drive vehicles.

For details on these and other changes, visit www.AirCareColorado.com.

2015 City Council Election

During the November 3, 2015 Englewood Municipal Election, Englewood voters will elect four City Council members: one representative from District 1, one representative from District 3, and two At-Large representatives.

Members of Council select the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem from among their members. The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem serve in that capacity for a two-year term.

Candidate information packets for the election will be available beginning July 1, 2015.

All Englewood Municipal Elections are nonpartisan.

It is vital that anyone interested in running for office contact the City Clerk's office for information regarding the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act.

For more information on running for City Council, and the criteria and petitioning process, visit www.engagewoodgov.org or call the City Clerk's Office at 303-762-2407 or 303-762-2405.

2015 Election Timeline

Wednesday, July 1: Candidate Information Packets available in the City Clerk's office

August 4 - 24: Candidate petitioning takes place

November 3: Election Day

Englewood City Clerk's Office
Englewood Civic Center
1000 Englewood Pkwy. (3rd fl.)
303-762-2407

FOR BOOMERS, ADULTS,
AND SENIORS



**Thursday, April 9
3 to 6 pm**

Malley Senior Recreation Center
3380 S. Lincoln Street
303-762-2660

- Health Screenings
- Active Aging Programs
- Door Prizes
- Activity Demonstrations
- Community Resources
- Refreshments

More than 40 agencies will be available to answer questions and provide information on active aging programs, community resources, safety tips, and volunteer opportunities. Plus, there will be refreshments, door prizes, and fun interactive demos!



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Upcoming Events

March 2 - 8	Malley Senior Recreation Center Maintenance Closure	
Mon. March 2	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center – 2 nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Fri. March 6	Family Movie Night Englewood Recreation Center, 1155 W. Oxford Avenue (FREE!)	6 - 8 pm
Sun. March 8	Daylight Savings Time Begins - Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery Remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors!	
Fri. March 6	Englewood Arts Concert - Alfred Muro, Guitar Hampden Hall - Visit EnglewoodArts.org for details.	7:30 pm
Sat. March 14	Englewood Arts Concert - Brahms & Beethoven Sonatas Hampden Hall - Visit EnglewoodArts.org for details.	2 pm
Mon. March 16	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center – 2 nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Thurs. March 19	Student Art Show Opening Reception Englewood Public Library, 1000 Englewood Parkway (See p. 4)	4 - 6 pm
Sat. March 28	Great Egg Scramble Miller Field, 3600 S. Elati Street (See p. 5)	10 am
Sun. April 5	Easter Sunday Englewood Library, Englewood Recreation Center closed for the holiday.	
Mon. April 6	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center – 2 nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Thurs. April 9	Active Aging Expo Malley Senior Recreation Center, 3380 S. Lincoln Street (See p. 7)	3 to 6 pm
Fri. April 10	Mom Prom at the Englewood Recreation Center 1155 W. Oxford Ave. (Register online at www.engagewoodrec.org)	6:30 - 8:30 pm
Fri. April 10	Englewood Arts Concert - Austin Piazzolla Quintet Hampden Hall - Visit EnglewoodArts.org for details.	7:30 pm
Sat. April 11	Englewood Arts Concert - Spring Serenade Hampden Hall - Visit EnglewoodArts.org for details.	2 pm
Sat. April 18	Arbor Day Tree Sale Cushing Park, 700 W. Dartmouth Ave. (See p. 5)	8 am - Noon
Mon. April 20	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center – 2 nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Mon. May 4	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center – 2 nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm

Due to space constraints, we don't have room to list all meetings or events. Please check the Calendar of Events on www.engagewoodgov.org for a complete listing.



We need your input to help move Englewood forward!

The City of Englewood is working on three major planning projects and we need input from the community to help guide their success.

- Englewood Comprehensive Plan Update
- Englewood Light Rail Corridor "Next Steps" Study
- Walk & Wheel Master Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Watch for details on the Englewood Forward spring outreach event coming up in early May!

Visit www.engagewoodforward.org for details on all three projects and more information on opportunities to provide input.

www.engagewoodforward.org