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Mayor Wolosyn leaves behind a colorful legacy

The *Message from City Council* column of the November/December Citizen newsletter had been reserved for Mayor Olga Wolosyn to write her farewell message as she prepared to leave office. Mayor Wolosyn passed away in late September, and this feature takes on a poignant twist as we face a much different farewell than we had anticipated.



The Museum of Outdoor Arts will erect a sculpture in Mayor Wolosyn's honor in front of the Englewood Civic Center. The piece, Duo, by Lin Emery, is a two-part kinetic sculpture that moves with the wind. One section of the piece is shown above.

The City of Englewood has benefited greatly from Mayor Wolosyn's energy, spirit, and drive, and we are grateful to be a part of her legacy. Mayor Wolosyn was a firm believer in being involved in her community, and she did so with an enthusiasm and a sense of commitment that left those around her in awe. Her efforts – whether they were aimed at guiding policy decisions alongside her fellow City Council Members or fostering an appreciation for the arts in Englewood – made a difference in this community.



Mayor Olga Wolosyn

Olga Wolosyn was elected to the Englewood City Council in 1999 and re-elected in 2003. In 2005, she was chosen by her fellow Council Members to serve as Mayor. During her tenure on Council, she was involved in a variety of activities and gave of her time to a host of causes – each one with a goal of benefitting the community. One of her most visible contributions is Hampden Hall at Englewood Civic Center, a performance

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Mayor Wolosyn

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venue her efforts helped bring about. Hampden Hall is home to theatrical productions, art exhibits, and an annual classical music concert series.

Prior to her terms on City Council, Mayor Wolosyn volunteered on the Englewood Cultural Arts Commission and served as Chair until she was elected to Council. She continued to serve as the Council liaison to the Commission. During her time on the Commission, she was involved in the selection of much of the public art that brightens Englewood today, including the sculptures at the *art* shuttle stops, the art at the light rail station, and *Virere*, the Lawrence Argent sculpture that marks the north entrance to the city at Broadway and Yale. She was also the inspiration behind Englewood's annual student art calendar.

Mayor Wolosyn also served as Council liaison on several other City of Englewood boards, including the Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, Keep Englewood Beautiful, and the Water and Sewer Board.

Mayor Wolosyn was dedicated to Englewood, but her involvement extended beyond her own community. She participated in several regional agencies and committees, serving on the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), and chairing DRCOG's Urban Growth Boundaries subcommittee. She also represented Englewood's interests on the Colorado Municipal League, the Metro Mayors Caucus, and the Tri-Cities Planning Committee, which also includes representatives from Littleton and Sheridan.

In addition to her work on behalf of the City of Englewood, she was involved in several other organizations, including Englewood Arts, the Englewood Education Foundation, and the Greater Englewood Chamber of Commerce. The Englewood Chamber named Olga "Woman of the Year" in 2004 for her many contributions to the community.

Mayor Wolosyn recognized the benefits of integrating the arts in education. She helped guide the development and implementation of PEAK (Progressive Education in Art and Academics for Kids – integrating the arts and literacy) and the New Frontiers program

(integrating the arts into middle school math) in Englewood Schools. Mayor Wolosyn also volunteered her time teaching in elementary art classrooms through the Art Reaching Kids programs, and designed colorful and elaborate costumes for many of the school performances.

The City of Englewood extends its deepest sympathies to Olga's family. She gave generously of her time and energy, and her many contributions have enriched the City and the community. Because of her involvement, Englewood is a better – and much more colorful – community.

In Memoriam

The Museum of Outdoor Arts recently announced the dedication of one of its sculptures in Mayor Wolosyn's memory. The sculpture, a colorful kinetic sculpture by artist Lin Emery, will be placed in the Piazza in front of the Englewood Civic Center.

A memorial fund has also been set up in Olga Wolosyn's name through Englewood Arts, a local non-profit arts organization. Contributions can be sent to Englewood Arts c/o Eric Bertoluzzi, 1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood, CO 80110.

2008 Englewood Calendars

The colorful student art calendar will be available December 4

Englewood's 2008 Calendars are scheduled to be ready Tuesday, December 4. Calendars are free to Englewood residents and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the following locations:

- **Englewood Civic Center**
1000 Englewood Parkway
3rd Floor - City Manager's Office
- **Englewood Library**
1000 Englewood Parkway

- **Englewood Recreation Center**
1155 W. Oxford Avenue
- **Malley Center**
3380 S. Lincoln Street

Congratulations to the 2008 Calendar Artists:

Kenny Berry (Clayton Elementary), Raven Broughton (Clayton Elementary), Natasha Fish (Littleton High School), Kyla Greer

(Bishop Elementary), Justin Grimes (Maddox Elementary), Shannon Kelly (All Souls School), Constance Krabbe (Maddox Elementary), Gerald Lucero (Colorado's Finest Alternative High School), Sean Pappone (Clayton Elementary), Brandon Reichelt (Clayton Elementary), Danielle Schablitsky (All Souls School), Delainey Stevenson (Clayton Elementary), and Candy Valente (Cherrellyn Elementary).

City Council Meetings

Englewood City Council Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month. Agendas for all meetings and study sessions are posted on the City's website (www.Englewoodgov.org). 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.

Kells Waggoner appointed to fill vacant City Council At Large seat

According to Englewood's Charter, the position left vacant by Mayor Wolosyn's death was required to be filled within 30 days.

City Council has appointed former City Council Member Kells Waggoner to fill the position until a new representative is elected in the November 6 Election.

Mr. Waggoner served on Council from 1991 through 1999. Council Member Waggoner agreed to step in to fill the interim seat and will serve until November 19, 2007 when the newly elected Council Members will be sworn in.

Water crews complete major transmission line repair

Early this fall, the Utilities Department discovered a leak in a major transmission pipe adjacent to the Allen Water Treatment Plant. The leak was located about 20 feet below ground in the bottom of a concrete vault. If the leak had not been caught in time, the main could have failed, impacting the water supply to a major portion of the community.

Staff contacted experts in these kinds of transmission pipe breaks and made necessary arrangements to have the main excavated and repaired.



Utilities Crews oversee the repairs that took place on a major water main outside the Allen Plant.

Utilities personnel monitored water pressure across Englewood while the work was taking place and the repairs were completed with no

noticeable reduction in water pressure. Repairs were completed the same day and the mains were back online by 7 pm that evening.

Englewood Arts Concert Series

Four Seasons: Saturday, November 24 ■ 7:30 pm

Featuring violinist Judith Ingolfsson and the Up Close and Musical ensemble performing:



Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik ■ Britten's Simple Symphony ■ Vivaldi's Four Seasons

Performances at Hampden Hall (2nd floor of the Englewood Civic Center) 1000 Englewood Parkway

Call 303-806-8196 for tickets, reservations, and information.

Children's Book Week November 12-18

In celebration of annual Children's Book Week, the Englewood Children's Librarians will be visiting area schools. Each classroom will receive a new hardback poetry book as a gift from the Englewood Public Library Board and each child will receive a bookmark from the Library.

Englewood Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch program helps citizens and law enforcement officials work together to build safe, crime-free neighborhoods.

For information on joining Neighborhood Watch, or if you're already a member but would like to get more involved, contact Community Relations Specialist Toni Geier at 303-762-2490.

Election Results Online

The preliminary and final results of the November 6, 2007 Election will be posted online as they are received from the Arapahoe County Election Office.

Visit www.Englewoodgov.org on Election night!

Beat Identity Theft

Keep identity thieves from accessing your financial files and personal information at a "Shred-a-thon" November 17

Englewood Police have teamed up with 9News, Shred-it®, and Denver Metro Crime Stoppers to help curb identity theft.

On Saturday, November 17, Englewood Police will hold a "Shred-a-thon" from 7 am to Noon at the Englewood Police Department's Miller Building, located at 3600 S. Elati Street. The Shred-it mobile trucks will be on hand to dispose of sensitive paperwork that thieves could use to steal identities.

The Shred-a-thon will accept up to five boxes of paperwork from each participant. All donations will benefit Denver Metro Crime Stoppers.

Shred-a-thon

**Saturday, November 17
7 am to 12 Noon**

Miller Building
3600 S. Elati Street

If you are interested in volunteering at the Shred-a-thon, or if you have questions about the event, contact Community Relations Specialist Toni Geier at 303-762-2490.

Interested in volunteering on a Board or Commission?

The City of Englewood has a variety of boards and commissions that serve in an advisory capacity to City Council on issues ranging from water and sewer issues to cultural arts. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on a board or commission, you can fill out an application online or call the City Manager's Office to have an application sent to you.

Applications are due Thursday, January 3, 2008 at 5 pm. City Council will interview candidates on Monday, January 14.

Visit www.Englewoodgov.org to access the online applications and additional information on the City's boards and commissions.

Malley Center Holiday Bazaar

**Saturday, November 3
9 am - 4 pm**

Featuring over 90 artisans offering handmade crafts and fine art. Get your holiday shopping done early!

Malley Center ■ 3380 S. Lincoln Street

Winter is coming. Is your house ready?

Home improvement loans available to help with winterization projects

Now is the time to apply for a home improvement loan for winterization projects that may help keep those winter energy costs down. Loans may be used for such projects as window replacement, furnace repairs, storm doors, insulation, and general weatherization efforts like caulking and weather-stripping. Loans may also be used for general home improvement projects.

Englewood homeowners, regardless of income, can apply for a loan to fix up their homes. Current interest rates are 7.2%. If you meet HUD income guidelines, you may be eligible for an interest-free loan.

Apply now and be ready to beat the snow! Call 303-762-2349 for an application or for more information about the loan program.

Library holds Winter Food for Fines November 26 through December 9

The Englewood Library will host its Winter Food for Fines program from Monday, November 26 through Sunday, December 9. Twice a year, the library gives patrons an opportunity to pay off overdue fines through the donation of non-perishable food items. The donated items are given to InterFaith Community Services for distribution to local families through the agency's Food Bank.

Here's how the program works:

- Two non-perishable items cancel one overdue fine.
- The program does not apply to lost or damaged materials.
- Make sure the staff at the Circulation Desk is aware of your donation so your fine will be cleared.

City programs honored with awards

The City of Englewood recently received awards that recognize outstanding services and programming.

The Parks and Recreation Department received a Best of Aquatics award from Aquatics International, recognizing Pirates Cove for "Best Overall Community Commitment to Aquatics."

The department's "Night of the Stars" Talent Show won the Columbine Award from the Colorado Parks and Recreation

Association. The award recognizes outstanding recreation programming throughout Colorado.

The Community Development Department's englewoodsites.com website received a "Special Purpose Website" award from the International Economic Development Council. Englewoodsites.com serves as a resource for businesses looking to locate in Englewood by providing information on available properties.

Library to host holiday nutcracker display

The Library's display cases will be adorned during the month of December with a display of traditional and unusual nutcrackers.



Volunteer Tax Counselors Needed

The Malley Center offers free tax form preparation assistance every Friday during tax season and is looking for individuals who are willing to volunteer their time as Tax Counselors.

If you are:

- a stickler for accuracy;
- are available to attend a training from January 14-17, 2008;
- and are available to help with this program every Friday between February 1 and April 1, 2008;

contact Joe Sack at the Malley Center, 303-762-2660, for additional information.

The deadline to sign up as a volunteer is Friday, December 21.

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.

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Holiday events promise music and merriment

Winter is right around the corner and we have plenty of festive activities planned to brighten holiday spirits. There's something for everyone – from breakfast with Santa to musical and theatrical performances. We hope you can join us for some or all the events listed below.

Englewood Shines!

Saturday, December 1 • 4 pm
Englewood Civic Center

1000 Englewood Parkway

Bring the children and celebrate the holiday spirit with Santa and his elves as they arrive from the North Pole on light rail. Enjoy music by the Englewood High School choir and ooh and aah as the tree lights up, followed by a fireworks display.

Gifts of the Magi

December 7 & 8 • 7:30 pm
December 9 • 2 pm

December 14 & 15 • 7:30 pm
Hampden Hall at Englewood Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway

Enjoy a musical production of the famous O. Henry story – just in time for the holidays. Presented by Englewood Arts. Ticket Prices are \$15 for adults; \$12 for students under 18. Call Englewood Arts to reserve your tickets.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 8 • 8 & 9 am
Malley Center, 3380 S. Lincoln St.

Enjoy breakfast with Santa, featuring all-you-can-eat pancakes. Children will receive a commemorative photo and gift. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults; \$3.50 for children 10 and under. Purchase tickets in advance at the Malley Center.



The Piazza at Englewood Civic Center decorated for last year's winter holidays

Santa Calling

Weds., December 12 • 5:30-7:30 pm

Make arrangements for your child to receive a call from the North Pole this holiday season. Santa will call children ages pre-school through seven years old. To register your youngster, complete a Santa Calling form. Forms will be available beginning November 26 at the Recreation Center, Malley Center, Englewood Library, or online at www.engagewoodgov.org.

The Nutcracker in a Nutshell

presented by the David Taylor Dance Theatre
Saturday, December 12 • 2 & 3:30pm
Hampden Hall at Englewood Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway

Enjoy this abbreviated performance of the classic holiday ballet. The performances are free, but seating is limited and tickets are required. Tickets can be picked up starting Monday, November 26 at the Recreation Center (1155 W. Oxford Avenue), the Library (1000 Englewood Parkway), and the Malley Center (3380 S. Lincoln Street). Call 303-762-2317 for more information.

A Handbell Holiday Concert

by Denver Bronze

Sunday, December 16 • 4 pm
Hampden Hall at Englewood Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway

Enjoy familiar songs of the season performed by Denver Bronze, a community handbell ensemble. Information and ticket prices are available at www.denverbronze.org.

Santa Suit Rentals

Want to dress up as Santa this year, but don't have a thing to wear?

Englewood Parks and Recreation has two Santa suits for rent. The suits are made of crushed velvet and come with boot covers, a hat, wig, beard, gloves, and jingle bells. Suits fit up to size 48. Rental fee is \$40 per day, plus a refundable depot of \$50 is required. Call 303-762-2680 to reserve a Santa suit.

Arapahoe County receives grant funding to benefit seniors

Arapahoe County recently received a \$50,000 grant from the Denver Regional Council of Governments to pilot a one-year program that will benefit area seniors. The Chore Services program offers help to seniors who are unable to perform household chores because of health problems or limited resources.

To be eligible for the program, clients must be Arapahoe County residents and 60 years or older. There are no fees for these services. Here are the kinds of services included in the program:

- Assistance unpacking after a move to subsidized housing
- Assistance cleaning, organizing, and decluttering a home
- Spring or fall yardwork, such as raking leaves or picking up branches
- Help preparing for Housing and Urban Development inspections
- Washing first floor windows
- Shoveling snow for those who need to leave their homes due to medical issues

For more information on the program or to find out if you are eligible, contact Arapahoe County Senior Resources at 303-738-8080.

Holiday Fire Safety

Tips from the Fire Department

Each year, fires that occur during the holiday season injure 2,600 individuals and cause over \$930 million in damages nationwide. Help keep your family safe this holiday season by observing these tips:

Holiday Trees

It is important to take special fire safety precautions when keeping a live tree in the house. A dry tree can burn rapidly, filling a room with fire, smoke, and deadly gases.

- **Selecting a tree:** The tree's needles should be green and firm. The trunk should be sticky to the touch.
- **Caring for your tree:** Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. Do not leave a live tree up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water.
- **Disposing of your tree:** Never put pine needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.
- **Never put lit candles on a tree:** Do not go near a holiday tree with any type of open flame – candles, cigarettes, lighters, or matches.

Holiday Lights

- **Maintain your holiday lights:** Inspect your holiday lights for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken sockets, and excessive wear before putting them up.

- **Do not overload outlets:** Do not link more than three light strands. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet.

Holiday Decorations

- **Use only nonflammable decorations:** All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.
- **Never put wrapping paper in a fireplace:** Burning wrapping paper can emit dangerous sparks and produce a chemical build-up that could cause an explosion.
- **Artificial holiday trees:** If you choose an artificial tree, make sure it is flame-retardant.
- **Candles are dangerous:** If you use candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked over. Always extinguish candles before leaving the house.

Finally, as in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home. Test them monthly and change the batteries twice a year. Know when and how to call for help, and remember to practice your home escape plan.

For more information on fire safety, contact Community Relations Specialist Toni Geier at 303-762-2490.

Help keep pet waste from entering our waterways

Rain or snow runoff can carry pet waste directly into waterways or storm drains, creating potential health hazards downstream. Pet waste can carry disease-causing organisms like Giardia and

Salmonella that can make water unsafe for drinking or swimming.

Always pick up after your pet, and dispose of the waste in a trash can – not in a storm drain.

For more information on stormwater quality, visit the Utilities Department web pages on www.englewoodgov.org.

