

Englewood



Citizen

March/April 2008

Police Department remains focused on graffiti

Because graffiti is such a visual medium, it attracts much public attention and interferes with our sense of community and quality of life. In an average month, Englewood's Code Enforcement Division handles about 60 graffiti or tagging cases. Many of these are called in by concerned community members.

"We recognize graffiti as a paramount problem in Englewood and the entire metro area," says Police Chief Tom Vandermee, "and we are taking a multi-faceted approach to correcting this problem."

This broad approach includes diligent Code Enforcement efforts, working with other metro area entities, and engaging citizen volunteers and community service workers to help keep Englewood free of graffiti.

The number one way to dissuade taggers is to clean graffiti right away. When our Code Enforcement Division sees or

receives reports of graffiti, Officers team up with Investigators to track incidents, then work with property owners to get the graffiti cleaned up quickly. Code Officers also work closely with Englewood's Parks Division and Streets Division to ensure rapid cleanup in the parks and public rights-of-way.

Englewood also participates in the Metro Area Graffiti Task Force, a group dedicated to identifying taggers and other graffiti offenders.

The Task Force was founded by Englewood Police Officer Pearson and has grown since its inception two years ago to include members from 23 law enforcement agencies across the metropolitan region. The Task Force provides training on current trends and resources and tracks information related to suspects and crime patterns. As a result of these efforts, several serial taggers have

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To report graffiti

To report graffiti, call 303-762-2335. If you see graffiti vandalism in progress, call 911 to report the location and description of the suspect.

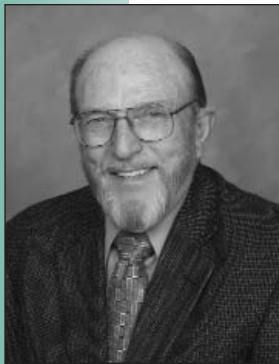
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Wayne Oakley
District 4

Message from City Council

I have been on Council a little over two years now and I have been doing some mid-term reflecting.

Once on Council, I quickly became caught up in the process of what it takes to keep a “full service” City our size going and maintaining current service levels. My thoughts of making a big difference in one direction or another were quickly taken over by

the reality that I was just one vote out of seven and, indeed, the majority does rule.

This being said, I still maintain the thoughts of helping our city prosper and move forward with new approaches to both old and new problems while maintaining current service levels.

The City has gone through several years of financial challenges, with increasing expenditures and decreasing revenues. And while the picture has looked a little better the last few months, it could reverse just as quickly as it started to show improvement.

I see reason for optimism, though, as there are some new projects either on the drawing board or underway that will help strengthen our sales tax base now and in the future.

One of these projects is the South Broadway Englewood Business Improvement District (BID), which was formed to help improve image, increase sales, and attract new customers and businesses. The City is also assisting new and existing businesses through our Community Development Department.

There are also some expansions and redevelopment plans in the works. The expansion of Swedish Hospital (the city’s largest employer) is underway and has been for a few months. The “Kent Place” redevelopment at Highway 285 and University is set for mixed-use with residential townhomes, high-rise buildings, and retail/office space. The “Masonic Square” project at Lincoln and Hampden will also be a mixed use with residential and office use, as well as a new Masonic Lodge building.

Another very promising redevelopment could occur at the old Flood Middle School site at Broadway and Kenyon, but this is in the early stages of development study and has to be viewed as long-term.

With all these activities taking place, there is good reason to be optimistic. Even so, it’s good for us to look back and learn from our experiences so we can be prepared for whatever the future brings.

Englewood City Council



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Mayor
At Large



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Mayor Pro Tem
District 2



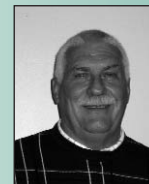
Joe Jefferson
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District 4



Randy Penn
District 3



Jill Wilson
At Large

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.

Police and Fire Departments to host Community Open House

Englewood's Department of Safety Services recently became re-established as separate Police and Fire Departments, returning the organizations to more traditional emergency service departments.

The departments, which still work closely together, are planning an open house so community members can learn more about Police and Fire services and operations.

The Open House will be held Saturday, March 29 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Police/Fire Complex, located at 3615 South Elati Street.

Visitors to the open house will be treated to demonstrations and activities, bicycle safety tips, and tours of the facility every half hour. Bunker the Fire Clown and McGruff the Crime Dog will also be on hand to chat with visitors.

Police/Fire Open House

**Saturday, March 29
10 am to 2 pm**

Police/Fire Complex
3615 South Elati Street

Meet the Faces Behind the Books at the 9th annual Author Open House

Over 40 Colorado authors are scheduled to attend this year's "Meet the Faces Behind the Books" Author Open House at the Englewood Public Library. The open house will take place Sunday, April 13 from 1 to 3 pm. Books by the featured authors will be available for purchase at the Library during the open house.

**Meet the Faces
Behind the Books**

**Sunday, April 13
1 - 3 pm**

**Englewood Library
1000 Englewood Parkway**

Book Sale at the Library

**Thursday, April 3 • 4 - 7 pm
Friday, April 4 • 10 am - 2 pm
Saturday, April 5 • 10 am - 2 pm**
Great buys on books and more!

Englewood Public Library
1000 Englewood Parkway

Sponsored by the Friends of the Englewood Public Library. All proceeds go directly to help fund library programs and materials.



Local business donates oxygen masks for small animals

Englewood's Fire Department recently received a donation of oxygen masks from Doggie Pause, a local business that offers daycare, boarding, grooming, and training for dogs.

The oxygen masks are intended for use on small animals injured as a result of fire who may need emergency supplemental oxygen until they can get veterinary care.

The donation was made possible through the generosity of Doggie Pause clients.



Jesse, a Terrier mix, tries on an oxygen mask with the help of Englewood Firefighter Marissa Gettman and Judy Gee, owner of Doggie Pause. The oxygen masks were donated to the Englewood Fire Department by Doggie Pause, a local dog daycare/boarding business.

Englewood Arts presents

Amazing Grace

Songs of Faith and Folk

featuring Marta Burton on vocals, Richard Armao on guitar, Nick Rossi on cello, and Jeff Hooton on bass.

Saturday, March 8 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$15/\$10 students

Juried Arts Show

featuring the work of visual artists from across the country. (Free)

Opening Reception

Friday, April 4 6 pm

On display April 3-26

Thursdays & Fridays 1-5 pm

Saturdays 11 am - 5 pm

Wait Until Dark

A classic cat-and-mouse drama of a con man and two ex-convicts in a bizarre charade with a blind woman. msi Theatre Productions, directed by Jerry Schell.

Friday, April 11 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 12 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 13 2 pm

Friday, April 18 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 19 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$15/\$12 students

Back to Bach VII

Featuring works of J.S. Bach

performed by Judith McIntire on cello, Gracie Carr on vocals, Frank Howell on harpsichord, and the Up Close and Musical Ensemble.

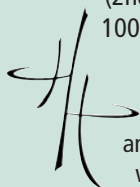
Saturday, May 3 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$15/\$10 students

Hamptden Hall

at Englewood Civic Center

(2nd floor of the Civic Center)
1000 Englewood Parkway



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

www.engagewoodarts.org

Annual water main flushing project begins week of April 21

Each spring, Englewood's Utilities Department conducts its own "spring cleaning" by flushing water mains throughout the city to clear out sediment and residue that has built up throughout the year.

This year's flushing project will take place the week of April 21. Crews will flush the water mains throughout the entire City, working around the clock until all mains are cleaned. Due to the nature of the project and the limited time available to complete it, crews are not

able to provide prior notification of their daily schedules.

Water service will not be interrupted, but it is possible that some customers may notice small amounts of residue in their water during the flushing process. If you experience this, run the cold water until the residue clears.

Please contact the Utilities Department at 303-762-2635 if you have questions about the flushing process.

Englewood Parks & Recreation's Award-Winning

"Night of the Stars" Youth Talent Show

**Saturday, April 5
7 to 9 pm**



Hamptden Hall at Englewood Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway
Admission is \$5 at the door for spectators.

Tax season is here

Malley offers free tax preparation assistance

Volunteer tax counselors offer free tax form preparation assistance at the Malley Center every Friday from February 1 through April 11 (except March 7) between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm. Appointments can be scheduled up to three weeks in advance. Call the Malley Center at 303-762-2660 or stop by the Malley front desk to schedule an appointment and for details on the program.

Tax Forms available at the Library

Need tax forms? The Englewood Public Library has copies of most standard 2007 Federal and Colorado income tax forms available to the public.

Bellevue Park enhancements under way

Plans are in the works for shelter, playground, and restroom enhancements at Bellevue Park, and construction will begin soon. These projects are part of the Parks Master Plan approved in 2006.

In 2007, Englewood Parks and Recreation received an Arapahoe County Open Space Grant to replace the shelters at Bellevue Park. The current shelter near the southeast corner will be replaced by a new larger, accessible shelter that complies with ADA requirements. The basketball court will be relocated south of the new shelter.

Both playgrounds at Bellevue Park will also be receiving makeovers, complete with new interactive playground equipment.

The restrooms are in line for improvements as well. The current structures will be replaced by a larger, accessible facility.

All of the improvements are slated for completion by late May, just in time for the summer fun at Bellevue Park.

Graffiti

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been identified and have criminal cases pending against them in a number of metro jurisdictions.

The Police Department also has a volunteer program aimed at getting rid of graffiti – the “Graffiti Paint Out” campaign. There was a very successful clean-up day last fall, and more are scheduled this spring and summer. Keep an eye on upcoming editions of the *Citizen* newsletter or visit our website for information (www.Englewoodgov.org). Contact Community Relations Specialist Toni Geier at 303-762-2490 if you are interested in participating in upcoming Graffiti Paint Out days.

To report graffiti, call our Code Enforcement Division at 303-762-2335 or log on to our website (www.Englewoodgov.org) and click on “Contact Us.” If you see graffiti vandalism in progress, call 911 to report the location and description of the suspect(s).

The Great Egg Hunt

**Saturday, March 15
10 am**

Miller Field, 3600 S. Elati Street

For youth 1-8 years of age. \$1 per person at the gate. Bring a basket to fill with eggs, candy, and prizes. The gate opens at 9:30 am. The Great Egg Hunt begins promptly at 10 am.

Call the Recreation Activities Hotline at 303-762-2598 in the event of inclement weather.

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.Englewoodgov.org
or e-mail us: info@Englewoodgov.org

Low-interest loan may help with home projects

If you have projects like roofing repairs, weather-proofing, and remodeling planned this spring, the City of Englewood offers a low-interest loan to help you pay for them. Our home improvement loan program helps homeowners pay for maintenance and rehabilitation projects and all Englewood homeowners are eligible to apply, regardless of income. Interest rates are generally one-half percent below prime. Applicants who meet HUD guidelines may be eligible for rates as low as 0%.

Details on the home improvement loan program are available on www.Englewoodgov.org or you can call our Community Development Department at 303-762-2349 for more information or to request an application.

Free First-time Homebuyer Workshop

**Tuesday, March 25
5:30 - 9:30 pm**

**Englewood Civic Center
2nd Floor Community Room
1000 Englewood Parkway**

To register for the workshop, call Colorado Housing Assistance Corp. at 303-572-9445, ext. 12. For general information, call 303-762-2349.

Golf course name change inspired by sculpture



When the Englewood Golf Course reopens in its entirety later this spring or summer, it will have a new design, a new name, and a new sculpture gracing the facility.

The golf course's new name, "Broken Tee Englewood," was inspired, in part, by the sculpture that will be placed at the golf course. Given the changes taking place on the course, a "branding" effort was undertaken, and the committee overseeing the project solicited public input for name suggestions. Over 120 names were

submitted by golfers, the general public, and members of the committee. Englewood's Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the finalists and presented "Broken Tee Englewood" as the recommended name for the course. The City Council granted approval for the name change late last year.

The changes at the golf course result from the adjacent RiverPoint at Sheridan development. The front 9 holes, the driving range, and the Par 3 course are all being redesigned and reconstructed with significant improvements.

The grand opening of the redesigned portions of the golf course is tentatively scheduled for late spring or early summer.



A six-foot tall version of Justin W. Taylor's "Impact" sculpture shown above, will be erected at Broken Tee Englewood in time for the grand re-opening this spring or summer.

Tee up our website for details on the grand reopening of the golf course as summer nears.

www.englewoodgov.org

Federal act requires transition to digital television transmissions

The Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 requires full-power television stations to cease analog broadcasts and switch to digital after February 17, 2009. This means that viewers who have only analog television sets in their homes may need to make some adjustments in order to keep their TVs working.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has created a TV Converter Box Coupon Program, and households may request two coupons

worth \$40 each that can be used toward the purchase of up to two digital-to-analog converter boxes. Retailers participating in the program include K-Mart, Radio Shack, Target, Wal-Mart, and many more. The NTIA will send a complete list of participating retailers, along with a list of eligible converters, when your coupons are mailed.

For more information, visit www.dtv2009.gov or call the Coupon Program 24-hour hotline at 1-888-388-2009 (TTY: 1-877-388-4632).

**Are You Ready for
February 17, 2009?**



**TV Converter Box
COUPON PROGRAM**
www.DTV2009.gov 1-888-DTV-2009

Arbor Day Celebration

**Friday, April 18
& Saturday, 19
8 am to Noon**

Celebrate Arbor Day with the Parks Division and Keep Englewood Beautiful by helping with a tree planting project on the southwest side of the Broadway & Hampden interchange. Parking will be available at Flood Middle School.

A limited number of free tree seedlings will be available to Englewood citizens at the event. For more information, call the Parks Division at 303-762-2541.

Carbon monoxide safety tips

from the Englewood Fire Department

Heating equipment such as space heaters, fireplaces, and woodstoves require careful use and maintenance to ensure safe operations. One of the most serious dangers associated with these heating devices is carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide is a potentially deadly gas produced by fuel-burning heating equipment, such as furnaces, wood stoves, fireplaces, and kerosene heaters. It is commonly known as “the silent killer” because it is colorless and odorless and cannot be detected by your senses.

Carbon monoxide is commonly known as “the silent killer”

The Englewood Fire Department offers the following tips from the Home Safety Council to help your families avoid the risks of carbon monoxide (CO) exposure.

- Install at least one CO alarm near sleeping areas.
- Have a trained professional inspect, clean, and tune-up your home’s central heating system and repair leaks or other problems. Fireplaces and woodstoves should also be inspected each year.
- Keep gas appliances properly adjusted and serviced.
- Never use an oven or range to heat your home.
- Never use a gas or charcoal grill inside your home or a closed garage.
- Portable electric generators must only be used outside. Never use them indoors, in a garage, or in any confined area that can allow CO to collect. Follow usage directions closely.

For more information on these or other home safety measures, contact Community Relations Specialist Toni Geier at 303-762-2490.

Library seeks teens for ambassadors program

The Englewood Library is looking for innovative and dedicated teens to help start a new “Library Ambassadors” program. This group will help promote library use through projects, community service events, and outreach activities. This is a great way to gain valuable volunteer

experience and help shape your community. Plus, it looks great on college applications!

Space may be limited, so call 303-762-2554 and apply today. Or stop by the library and talk to reference staff.

Interested in what’s happening at Flood Middle School?

The Englewood School District is seeking citizen representatives to serve on the selection committee for the Flood Middle School redevelopment. If you are interested in applying, visit the Englewood Schools’ website for more information: www.Englewoodschoools.org.

New Business Update

New businesses are popping up all over Englewood! Here are a few that have recently opened or will be opening soon:

Breakfast on Broadway

2901 South Broadway

www.flowerwraps.com/bobmenu.php
Englewood has a new choice for breakfast, brunch and lunch. Breakfast on Broadway serves a variety of breakfast and lunch items.

Digital Media Innovations

3065 South Broadway

www.digitalmediainnovations.com
This retailer, which sells and installs home theaters and entertainment systems, will open soon.

Fred Astaire Dance Studio

www.fredastaire.com
A new dance studio is waltzing into town. The studio is moving to CityCenter Englewood near Inca and Englewood Parkway and plans to open in late April.

Ouray Sportswear

Mansfield & Windermere

www.ouraysportswear.com
Ouray Sportswear is relocating its corporate headquarters and manufacturing facility to Englewood. Its arrival will bring an estimated 300 jobs to Englewood when the plant is fully operational.

The Falcon

3295 South Broadway

www.falconbowl.com
The Falcon (formerly Sport Bowl) offers bowling and billiards. Under new ownership, the building has been remodeled to include a music venue and restaurant.

Clip and Save!



Upcoming Events

Mon. March 3	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center - 2 nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Sat. March 8	Englewood Arts Concert - <i>Amazing Grace</i> Hampden Hall at Englewood Civic Center (see page 4)	7:30 pm
Sunday, March 9	Daylight Savings Time Begins - Set your clocks ahead	
Sat. March 15	Great Egg Hunt Miller Field, 3600 S. Elati Street (see page 5)	10 am
Mon. March 17	St. Patrick's Day Irish Feast Malley Center, 303-762-2660 for details	11:30 am
	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center - 2 nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Sun. March 23	HOLIDAY - Easter Englewood Library/Englewood Recreation Center Closed	
Thurs. April 3	Englewood Schools' District Art Show Opening Reception 4:30-6:30 pm Englewood Library, 1000 Englewood Pkwy. (Artwork on display all month.)	
April 3, 4, 5	Friends of the Library Book Sale See page 3 for details	
Mon. April 7	Malley Fitness Challenge Kick-off 8:30 - 10:30 am Malley Center - See Activities Guide or call 303-762-2660 for details	
	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center - 2 nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Sat. April 5	Night of the Stars Youth Talent Show Hampden Hall (see page 4)	7 pm
Sun. April 13	Colorado Author Open House Englewood Library (see page 3)	1-3 pm
Wed. April 16	Free Program on Gee's Bend Quilt Exhibit at Denver Art Museum 7 pm Englewood Public Library - Anderson Room, 1000 Englewood Parkway	
Fri. April 18	Arbor Day See page 6 for details.	
Mon. April 21	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center - 2 nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Mon. May 5	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center - 2 nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm

If I were Mayor...

an essay contest for Colorado 7th Graders

The Colorado Municipal League is holding an essay contest for Colorado 7th Graders aimed at increasing awareness about local government services and processes.

The theme of the essay is "If I were Mayor..." and sets out to answer the question: "If you were mayor, how would you explain the importance of municipal government to kids in your community?"

Four winners will be awarded a Certificate of Achievement and a \$250 award that will be applied to a college account.

The deadline for entries is Tuesday, April 15, 2008. For details about the contest and to download an entry form, visit the Colorado Municipal League's website at www.cml.org.

If you were mayor, how would you explain the importance of municipal government to kids in your community?



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