

Englewood Citizen

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Englewood undertakes energy-efficiency improvements

Over the last several years, the City of Englewood has implemented many energy-saving measures. We have installed energy-efficient lighting in City facilities and traffic signals and launched technology initiatives that save staff time and cut down on energy usage.

Now we are taking it to the next level. Working with the Governor’s Energy Office, we are planning a comprehensive evaluation of energy efficiency at all City facilities. An initial feasibility study indicates that, with a 10 percent reduction in energy use, the City should be able to realize significant cost savings that can help fund future improvements.

A project team has been assembled that includes representatives from several City departments. Working with a qualified Energy Service Company (ESCO), this team will oversee the planning process and work to implement this city-wide energy savings initiative.

The first step in the process is an energy audit, which will measure the efficiency of our current systems. More importantly, the audit will determine where improvements can be made. The audit will cover a wide variety of

energy-related items, including gas, electric, and water usage, water and wastewater treatment processes, and streetlights.

The 10 percent reduction in energy use initially recommended in the feasibility study is only a starting point. Following the comprehensive energy audit, the team will work with the ESCO and take advantage of other resources from the Governor’s Energy Office to develop a project plan. The plan is likely to include a city-wide effort by all employees. The plan will also include evaluation measures so we can track our progress as we implement the recommended improvements.

The process is likely to have benefits beyond energy-efficiency improvements. It will help the City of Englewood plan for the implementation of renewable energy technologies, such as solar. It will also help us set goals for sustainability and community education programs.

On another “green” front, the City of Englewood has formed an employee Recycling Team whose goal is to reduce the City’s waste stream by expanding our current recycling programs. Englewood

has had an office paper recycling program in place for years. Last year alone, City employees recycled enough paper to save over 500 trees. In addition to expanding the recycling program, the team will also analyze opportunities to increase the number of recycled and environmentally-friendly products City employees use on a daily basis.

The results of both these initiatives will be reported in future editions of the *Englewood Citizen* newsletter.

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Jill Wilson
City Council Member
At Large

Message from City Council

The holidays have come and gone, and it is the start of the New Year. I hope everyone had a happy holiday season.

Just as the country will be facing challenges in the year ahead, we as a community will be faced with many challenges from the federal to the city level. During these challenging times, I find it is a good time to revisit what we do have. We

have a beautiful library, with numerous programs available for children and adults, an expanded array of DVDs and CDs to rent, while additionally providing computers for use by citizens. Our recreation programs offer a rich variety of activities for citizens of all ages. The parks are a wonderful way to spend the day with your family and friends. For those of us with “fur children” we have the off-leash dog parks. Hampden Hall provides amazing concerts, plays, and other cultural events. Additionally, Englewood has become home to wonderful new restaurants along with many old time favorites.

All of this is what makes Englewood a wonderful place to live and is the reason I know we will be able to overcome the future challenges. It is my hope for 2009 that through the tough economic times ahead, the residents of Englewood can continue to use the abundance of resources that the city works hard to provide in order to enrich the lives of our citizens.

As we move toward the future and what will come to Englewood, there are numerous examples of the community coming together to make Englewood stronger. The Business Improvement District (BID) and city officials partnered this year to provide holiday lights down Broadway and the Christmas tree at Yale and Broadway. They also have banded together to add bike racks and planters for making downtown Englewood more pedestrian-friendly all year long. Contractors continue to build throughout the city and, more specifically, the Brookridge shopping center is taking on a whole new look through its renovation. The city also has explored plans on becoming more “green” and is looking into new energy saving projects. We will continue to work with the schools, and assist in any way, for students to achieve their endeavors.

It has been a privilege to serve on the City Council. I can be contacted at 303-761-8680.

Englewood City Council

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Mayor
At Large



John Moore
Mayor Pro Tem
District 2



Joe Jefferson
District 1



Bob McCaslin
At Large



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District 4



Randy Penn
District 3



Jill Wilson
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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 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.

Get fit in the new year!

2009 Fitness Challenge kicks off January 10

The Englewood Recreation Center's Fitness Challenge offers incentives for participants to get fit in 2009. The program runs from January 10 through March 29.

When you enroll in the challenge, you will receive a fitness challenge card. Each time you exercise at the Recreation Center – either by participating in fitness classes or by working out on your own – check in at the front desk with your card. For each week your challenge card is swiped at least three times, you will be entered into a weekly prize drawing. At

the end of the 11 weeks, those participants who have worked out at least three times for ten weeks will be entered into the grand prize drawing for an annual pass to the Englewood Recreation Center.

The Englewood Recreation Center will host a Fitness Challenge Kick-off Party on Saturday, January 10 from 8 am to Noon. Participants at the event can visit with health exhibitors and participate in health screenings at no cost. For a \$15 fee (\$19 for non-residents), you can even receive a fitness/body composition assessment by one of our personal trainers. If you are interested in this optional fitness assessment, please schedule an appointment by calling 303-762-2678.

To enroll in the Fitness Challenge, visit the Challenge Kick-off on Saturday, January 10 or stop by the front desk at the Englewood Recreation Center, located at 1155 West Oxford Avenue.

Fitness Challenge Kick-off

**Saturday, January 10
8 am - Noon**

Englewood Recreation Center
1155 W. Oxford Avenue

Englewood Arts presents

Aaron Copland's Appalachian Spring
Sunday, January 11 • 2 pm

The original chamber version of this popular American classic performed by the Rosetta Chamber Society, with Scott O'Neil conducting.

Zephyr Ensemble • Saturday, February 14 • 2 pm

Featuring Allegra Wermuth and Dorian Kincaid on violin, Phillip Stevens on viola, and Thomas Heinrich and Judith McIntyre on cello performing Schubert's Cello Quintet in C Major, D.956



Hampden Hall at Englewood Civic Center

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

Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling 303-806-8196.

Visit www.engagewoodarts.org for more information.

Xcel Energy to offer free workshop on energy efficiency

Xcel Energy will host a free presentation at the Englewood Civic Center on January 15, 2009 to offer residents helpful tips on making their homes more energy efficient.

Free Workshop
Thursday, January 15
7 pm

Englewood Civic Center
2nd Floor Community Room
1000 Englewood Parkway

Topics to be covered include

- Insulation
- Heating
- Water Heaters
- Windows
- Lighting
- Appliances

www.engagewoodgov.org



Flag Ceremony

Monday, February 9
7 - 8:30 pm

Malley Recreation Center
3380 S. Lincoln Street

Please join us for this educational and touching historical flag ceremony. The event is free, but seats are limited. Tickets can be picked up at the Malley Center and the Englewood Recreation Center beginning Monday, January 12.

City Council offers Englewood youth an opportunity to attend Washington, DC conference

The Englewood City Council is offering qualified students in Englewood an opportunity to compete for a trip to the 2009 National League of Cities conference in Washington, D.C. from March 14 through 18, 2009.

The conference includes a program for students aged 16 to 18 who are interested in learning more about representative government.

Students must live in the City of Englewood to be eligible for this opportunity. Interested students must fill out an application form, write a 500-word essay, and obtain two letters of recommendation from school teachers and one letter of recommendation from a community member. City Council may choose one or two students to attend the conference.

The National League of Cities is the oldest and largest national organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States.

For additional information on the application process and contest requirements, please visit our Web site at www.engagewoodgov.org. The application deadline is Wednesday, January 21, 2009.

Looking ahead to the 2009 Election

During the Municipal Election on November 3, 2009, Englewood voters will elect three Council Members (District 2, District 4, and At-Large) and a Municipal Judge.

If you are interested in running for one of these offices, please visit www.engagewoodgov.org (in the "Inside City Hall" section) or call the City Clerk's Office at 303-762-2407 for more information.

Free First-time Homebuyer Workshop

Wednesday, January 14
5:30 - 9:30 pm

Englewood Civic Center
2nd Floor Community Room
1000 Englewood Parkway

To register, call Colorado Housing Assistance Corp. at 303-572-9445, ext. 3 and leave your name and number, or register online at www.coloradohousingassistance.org. For general information on the class, call 303-762-2349.

It's almost February *Is your TV ready?*

At midnight on February 17, 2009, all full-power television stations will switch from analog to digital broadcasts. If you have an analog television, you will need a converter that switches the signal from analog to digital.

To help with this process, Congress created a TV Converter Box Coupon Program for people who wish to keep using their analog television sets after the switch to digital. The program allows U.S. households to obtain up to two coupons, each worth \$40, that can be applied toward the cost of eligible converter boxes.

A television connected to cable, satellite or other pay service does not require a converter box from this program.

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

Recycle your Christmas tree

Englewood's Parks Division is once again offering residents an opportunity to recycle their Christmas trees at one of four Englewood parks. From January 1 through 31, 2009, you can drop off your tree at the locations listed below.

Drop-off 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 remove all decorations, nails, and tree stands before dropping off your tree. The trees will be turned into mulch, which will be available to residents free of charge. If you are interested in mulch for your garden, contact the Parks Division at 303-762-2520 or 303-762-2541 for details.

Library seeks input from teens

Teen readers – Do you have ideas about what programs you'd like to see at the Library?

We want your input! We are asking teens to fill out an online survey and we are seeking members for a new "Teen Council" to help guide the services offered by the Englewood Public Library.

Online Survey – We have linked a survey from our Web site and we'd like input from as many teens as possible. To access the survey, go to www.Englewoodgov.org, click on the Library link on the bottom of the page, then click on the Teen's Cool Cafe link on the left. The results will be used to help us plan teen programs at the Library.

Teen Council – We are also looking for teens interested in serving on the Englewood Teen Council (ETC), a new advisory board that will help guide the programs and materials offered at the Englewood Public Library. Serving on the ETC is a great way to earn community service hours required by many schools.

If you are interested in volunteering on the Englewood Teen Council, there is a section on the online survey where you can indicate your interest or you can call Englewood's Teen Librarian at 303-762-2554.

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.

Web site: www.Englewoodgov.org
E-mail: info@Englewoodgov.org

Snow Shoveling Reminder

Englewood's Code Enforcement Division offers a friendly reminder to all residents and businesses that you are responsible for clearing your sidewalks after it snows. The Englewood Municipal Code states that snow and ice must be removed from all sidewalks throughout the City within 12 hours after the snow stops falling.

If you are unable to shovel your walks, the Recreation Department offers a "Rent-A-Worker" referral program. Contact Joyce at the Malley Center (303-762-2660) for more information on the program.

Spring Police Citizens' Academy to begin in February

The Englewood Police Department's popular Citizens' Academy is back for spring. The spring academy runs from February 17 through April 14, 2009. Classes take place from 6:30 to 9:30 pm on Tuesday evenings.

The Citizens Academy provides participants with a working knowledge of police operations and increases the level of understanding and cooperation between the community and the Police Department. Participants will learn through lectures, hands-on experience, and demonstrations.

Topics to be covered include:

- Drugs/Gangs
- SWAT Overview
- Patrol Procedures
- Basic Self-Defense
- Driving Simulation
- Shooting Simulation
- Criminal Investigation
- Crime Scene/Forensic Science
- Code Enforcement Overview

Detailed information on the Citizens' Academy is available online (www.Englewoodgov.org) or by calling Community Relations Specialist Toni Geier at 303-762-2490.

State announces new income levels on Colorado Property/Rent/Heat Rebate program

The State of Colorado offers a rebate program on property tax and heating expenses for low-income seniors and people with disabilities. Eligible applicants can receive a rebate of up to \$600 of their property tax paid and \$192 of their heating expenses paid during 2008. The income eligibility threshold levels have increased by \$1,000 for the 2008 program.

New Maximum Income Levels:

- For a single person: Less than \$12,000
- For a married couple: Less than \$15,700

Rebate Eligibility Requirements:

- You (either husband or wife) must be 65 or older by December 31, 2008, or must

be a surviving spouse at least 58 years old, or must have been disabled for the entire year, regardless of age.

- You must have resided in Colorado during the entire year.
- You must be lawfully present in the United States.
- You must not be claimed as a dependent on any other person's income tax return.
- You must have paid property tax, rent, and/or heating expenses during 2008.

For more information on the Colorado Property/Rent/Heat Rebate, visit www.taxcolorado.com and click on the "Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate" button or call 303-238-7378.

Park shelter reservations accepted beginning January 2

Planning an event in one of Englewood's parks next summer? You may want to reserve a shelter in advance. The Parks and Recreation Department will begin taking shelter reservations for 2009 beginning Friday, January 2. Shelters are available for rent between April 1 and October 31.

Shelters are available at the following parks:

- **Baker Park**
2200 W. Wesley Avenue
- **Bates/Logan Park**
2938 S. Logan Street
- **Belleview Park**
5001 S. Inca Street
- **Centennial Park**
4630 S. Decatur Street



▲ Belleview Park's new shelter offers seating for 280 people. Englewood's park shelters are available for rent from April through October.

- **Cushing Park**
795 W. Eastman Avenue
- **Jason Park**
4299 S. Jason Street

Rental fees depend on the number of people who will be using the

shelter. Payment will be required at the time the reservation is made. Reservations can be made by phone (303-762-2680) or in person at the Englewood Recreation Center, located at 1155 West Oxford Avenue.

"Paws to Read" program offers help to young readers

The Englewood Public Library has teamed up with Denver Pet Partners to offer the Paws to Read program that pairs beginning or



struggling readers with a supportive "pet partner." Young readers can practice their skills by reading to these specially trained dogs.

The program meets on the first Sunday of each month from 1:15 to 3:00 pm and the third Saturday of each month from Noon to 2 pm. Paws to Read is intended for children age 12 and under, and pre-registration is required. Stop by the Children's Desk at the Library to register, or call 303-783-6960. Paws to Read meets in the Library's Story Time Room.

◀ Sadie the pet partner listens intently as David reads her a story during a "Paws to Read" session at the Englewood Library.

Free programs

sponsored by the Friends of the Library

My African Journey

A photo safari of Rwanda and Kenya

■ Thursday, Jan. 29 7pm

Carolyn Derrington Tate will share stories and photos of her African photo safari. Carolyn's award-winning photos will be on display in the Library during January.

"The Old Man and The Harley"

■ Wednesday, Feb. 25 7pm

John J. Newkirk will discuss his new book "The Old Man and The Harley," the story of his father's journey across the US in 1939. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Community Room (2nd floor)

Englewood Civic Center
1000 Englewood Parkway

News from Neighborhood Services

Living with wildlife in Englewood

by Code Enforcement Officer Marjie Payne

Englewood is home to a wide variety of wildlife, including squirrels, skunks, fox, raccoons, coyotes, and wild birds. These animals are all considered normal urban wildlife.

Discouraging Wildlife

There are actions that can be taken to discourage wildlife from visiting your property:

- Feed pets indoors or remove food dishes from dog and cat enclosures each evening.
- Cut and thin dense vegetation such as weeds and brush.
- Seal access to areas under porches and sheds that may be attractive as denning sites.
- Store trash in covered containers and do not put it out before the morning of scheduled pick-up.

- Use window well covers to prevent skunk, young foxes, and raccoons from becoming entrapped in window wells.
- Screen chimneys and vents to prevent wildlife from getting into your house.
- **Do not feed wild animals.** These animals must be kept wild for the protection of both the animal and humans. Wild animals that have become tame often inflict accidental bites.

Keeping Pets Safe

There have been several reports of coyotes in Englewood recently. Keep a watchful eye on your pets, as small dogs and cats outside at night are an attractive food source for coyotes.

Beginning with this edition of the *Englewood Citizen*, the Englewood Police Department's Neighborhood Services Division will contribute a regular column to the newsletter. Neighborhood Services includes Code Enforcement, Community Relations, Traffic Enforcement, and Parking Enforcement. The article in this edition discusses wildlife in Englewood.

Trapping Wildlife

Code Enforcement will respond if there is a very sick, injured, or dead wild animal in the neighborhood, but we do not trap wild animals or interfere with healthy wildlife which might be considered a nuisance by a resident. If you are experiencing a problem with nuisance wildlife, there are companies listed in the phone book under exterminators which will trap the nuisance wildlife for a fee. Due to state restrictions on wildlife relocation, the City of Englewood cannot provide this service.

If you have questions about wildlife or other animal control matters, call our Code Enforcement Division at 303-762-2335.

More helpful wildlife resources:

Colorado Division of Wildlife

303-297-1192 • <http://wildlife.state.co.us/WildlifeSpecies/LivingWithWildlife>

Internet Center for Wildlife Damage Management • <http://icwdm.org/>

New Business Update

In each edition of the *Citizen* newsletter, we highlight new businesses that have opened in our community. Here are some of Englewood's new businesses:

Colorado Marble & Granite

875 W. Adriatic Pl. • 303-777-4242

Colorado Marble & Granite specializes in the installation of natural stone and granite countertops. The company recently relocated to Englewood and brings 12 new jobs to town.

Harmon, Inc.

2810 S. Raritan St. • 303-778-1155

Harmon, Inc. fabricates and installs residential and commercial windows, doors, and storefronts. Harmon, Inc. recently relocated to Englewood, bringing 50 new jobs to town.

Molly's Closet

3995 S. Broadway • 303-789-7407

Molly's Closet features women's used clothing on consignment.

Nearly New & Old

2801 S. Broadway • 303-761-9231

www.smokysglydus.com

Nearly New & Old features a variety of items ranging from antiques to sewing services to women's clothing and accessories.

NewMark Print

2140 W. Dartmouth Avenue

303-782-4772

www.newmarkprint.com

NewMark Print is a premier full-service commercial printer offering state-of-the-art digital printing.

Clip & Save!

Upcoming Events

Thurs. Jan 1	HOLIDAY - New Year's Day Civic Center, Library, Malley Center, and Recreation Center Closed	
Mon. Jan. 5	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center – 2nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Sat. Jan. 10	Fitness Challenge Kick-Off Englewood Recreation Center, 1155 W. Oxford Avenue (See page 3.)	8 am - Noon
Sun. Jan. 11	Englewood Arts presents Copland's Appalachian Spring Hampden Hall at Englewood Civic Center (See page 3.)	2 pm
Sat. Jan. 17	Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge (for youth aged 7-14) Englewood Recreation Center, 1155 W. Oxford Ave. 303-762-2680	11 am
Mon. Jan. 19	HOLIDAY – Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Civic Center, Library, Malley Center, and Recreation Center Closed	
Tues. Jan. 20	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center – 2nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Mon. Feb. 2	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center – 2nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Mon. Feb. 9	Flag Ceremony Malley Center, 3380 S. Lincoln Street (See page 3.)	7 pm
Sat. Feb. 14	Englewood Arts presents Zephyr Ensemble Hampden Hall at Englewood Civic Center (See page 3.)	2 pm
Mon. Feb. 16	HOLIDAY – Presidents' Day Civic Center, Library, Malley Center, and Recreation Center Closed	
Tues. Feb. 17	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center – 2nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Sat. Feb. 28	Belly Dance Recital Malley Center, 3380 S. Lincoln Street (Free)	7 pm
Mon. March 2	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center – 2nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
March 2-8	Malley Center Closed for Maintenance	

Foreclosure Hotline may help borrowers facing delinquency

If you or someone you know is facing a delinquency or foreclosure, the Colorado Foreclosure Hotline may be able to help. Most borrowers who are delinquent don't realize that there may be ways to work with their lenders and avoid losing their homes.

The Colorado Foreclosure Hotline can help borrowers understand the options and weigh them carefully before making any decisions.

If you would like additional information, please contact the Colorado Foreclosure Hotline at 1-877-601-4673 or visit the Web site at www.housingcounseling.com.



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