

# Englewood Citizen

September/October 2009

## Englewood Police Department launches Citizen Alert system

The Englewood Police Department will soon launch a "Citizen Alert" system that will help the City of Englewood relay critical information to residents quickly in the event of an emergency. The alerts will cover fires, floods, evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods, environmental hazards, and other emergencies. The system is slated to go live in early September.

Residents and businesses with land-line telephones are already listed in Arapahoe County's E-911 database and are therefore automatically included in the notification system. You can also sign up to receive the alerts on any other communication device you choose, such as a cell phone, e-mail, PDA, pager, fax, etc.). Residents can opt out of the alert system at any time if they do not want to receive the Citizen Alerts.

The Police Department is working with the Arapahoe County E-911 Authority to launch this state-of-the-art notification system. Englewood's Police Chief, Tom Vandermee, is pleased about implementing this new resource. "This system will allow us to reach people quickly during an emergency and provide critical information to help guarantee the safety of our residents and businesses," he said.



If you would like to sign up for the Citizen Alert system on devices other

than your land-line phone, or if you would like to opt out of the system, visit the Police Department on the City of Englewood's Web site: [www.engagewoodgov.org](http://www.engagewoodgov.org) (Inside City Hall, City Departments).



### Many thanks to Englewood's Adopt-a-Garden volunteers!

Many of the flower beds in Englewood's parks are planted and maintained by community volunteers. The Duncan Park flower bed pictured above is planted and maintained by June Hawkins.

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## City of Englewood

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303-762-2300

[engagewoodgov.org](http://engagewoodgov.org)

### Coming in early October...

**2009 Election Edition** A special edition of the *Englewood Citizen* with everything you need to know about the November 3 Election, including candidate profiles, Englewood's ballot question, and details on the mail-in ballot voting process.



**Randy Penn**  
City Council Member  
District 3

## Message from City Council

The budget continues to be a big item with the entire country. The City of Englewood has had to deal with smaller than anticipated Sales and Use Tax revenues. Just as many of the citizens have done with the down economy, the city has also had to tighten the budget and look for new revenue sources to handle this downturn. The budget reductions have come from all of the departments in the City. A huge thank you

goes out to the employee groups who helped with this budget problem by accepting a stay on their raises for next year.

As we plan for 2010 budget reductions, the daily services to the citizens are a main concern of the council. The City of Englewood is proud to provide the community with top-of-the-line services – a high quality parks and recreation program, a strong city infrastructure, highly trained and very efficient public safety services, top quality water and sewer systems, and very well maintained streets. Our hope is that we can achieve the necessary budget reductions without reducing important City services.

In the next few months I will be leading an effort to help the business corridor on Broadway through Englewood. I will be setting up meetings to meet with the business community along this portion of Broadway to get input about their concerns and their successes. I believe it is imperative that the City of Englewood takes a good look at what programs and promotions can be utilized to increase the business fortunes along this section of Broadway.

The continued efforts of the citizens of Englewood have been challenged this summer with the above average rainfall. This has not only helped to green up all of the areas in Englewood but has brought about an abundance of weeds. The majority of Englewood citizens have managed the task of keeping up their yard and gardening skills by keeping a handle on their weeds. Keep up the good work.

I truly do appreciate my time on the Council and continue to work for the betterment of Englewood. Please contact me if you have concerns or positive events happening in Englewood. I encourage all of you to get involved with your community (city programs, boards and commissions), get to know your neighbors, and interact with those you see in this great city of Englewood.

Thanks, Randy Penn

## Englewood City Council

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Mayor  
At Large

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District 3

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**Jill Wilson**  
At Large

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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.

## Free Travel Programs

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Library*

**Weds. September 30 • 7 pm**

### **Scenic By-ways Travel Talk**

*with author Susan Tweit and  
photographer Jim Sternberg*

Hampden Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Civic Center)  
1000 Englewood Parkway

**Thurs. October 15 • 7 pm**

### **Truckin' South America**

*with Bill Clayton*

Community Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Civic Center)  
1000 Englewood Parkway

## Spotlight on ETAC

### *Englewood Transportation Advisory Committee*

The Englewood Transportation Advisory Committee (ETAC) focuses on traffic safety for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists who live in (or commute through) our community. The committee is made up of volunteer citizens who are appointed by City Council. The committee reviews issues that are presented by fellow citizens, businesses, and staff, and makes recommendations to help alleviate traffic "trouble spots."

The committee welcomes input from residents and businesses. ETAC meetings are open to the public and there is time set aside at each meeting for public comment. Meetings take place on the 2nd Thursday of each odd-numbered month at 6:30 pm in the Englewood Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway (3rd floor City Council Conference Room). For more information on ETAC, visit our Web site ([www.engagewoodgov.org](http://www.engagewoodgov.org)) and check "Boards and Commissions" under "Inside City Hall."

## Student Art Contest

### for the 2010 Calendar

The City of Englewood is holding a Student Art Contest to determine the artwork that will be included in the 2010 Englewood Calendar. The contest is open to all Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade students who live or go to school in the City of Englewood.

Details on the contest and downloadable entry forms are available on our Web site: [www.engagewoodgov.org](http://www.engagewoodgov.org) under "Englewood Happenings."

**Deadline for entries: Friday, September 25**

## BID installs Broadway improvements

The South Broadway Englewood Business Improvement District (BID) recently completed several improvements through downtown Englewood. South Broadway now sports new planters, decorative bike racks, and colorful banners that identify the downtown shopping district.

These improvements are funded by the businesses included in the BID special assessment district. For more information on the business improvement district, visit [www.broadwayshoppingdistrict.com](http://www.broadwayshoppingdistrict.com).



*Decorative planters like the ones above now grace downtown Englewood as part of the improvements made by the Business Improvement District.*

*The Museum of Outdoor Arts presents*

## Cabinet of Curiosities

*"A cabinet containing rare, small, or precious objects that are uncommon in daily use."*



**October 9, 2009 through March 5, 2010**

**Opening Reception • Saturday, October 10 • 5 - 9 pm**  
featuring a fashion show, refreshments, and an artists' reception

**Museum of Outdoor Arts' Indoor Gallery**

1000 Englewood Parkway, 2nd Floor

[www.moaonline.org](http://www.moaonline.org)



# Utilities bills can now be paid online

The Utilities Department's new online payment system is now operational. The system allows customers to view and pay their bills online or through a voice-activated phone system using a credit card or check. The system allows payments to be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The payments will reflect immediately on the account.

The Web site for Utilities payments is [www.englewoodutilities.org](http://www.englewoodutilities.org) or 303-783-6930 for the voice activated system. To pay online, visit the Web site, enter your customer number and your account number (located on your bill), select the payment method, enter your credit card or checking account information, and submit. Payment via the voice-activated system operates in a similar manner, except you submit the above information on the phone.

## Paying online is easy!

1. Visit the secure Web site ([www.englewoodutilities.org](http://www.englewoodutilities.org)) or call 303-783-6930.
2. Enter your customer number and your account number.
3. Select payment method.
4. Enter your credit card or checking account information.
5. Submit.

[www.englewoodutilities.org](http://www.englewoodutilities.org)  
303-783-6930

Customers who prefer to speak with a customer service representative can still pay over the phone by calling the Utilities Department at 303-762-2635. Only credit cards may be used for this method.

Payments made through the online or voice activated systems will not be accepted on accounts that are due to be turned off the same day as the transaction or those that are already

disconnected. In these cases, credit card payments can be made by calling the Utilities Department directly at 303-762-2635. Payments for disconnect notices can be paid online until midnight prior to the day they are due to be shut off.

If you have questions about the system, please call the Utilities Department at 303-762-2635.

# Fire sprinkler systems: fact or fiction?

The Englewood Fire Marshal's Office sometimes receives inquiries about fire sprinkler systems used in buildings, both commercial and residential. Fire sprinkler systems have been used successfully for over 100 years and properly designed systems are invaluable for the protection of life and property.

One myth about sprinkler systems that has been floating around for

years is that when one sprinkler head goes off, all the sprinkler heads in the building will go off. The reality is, most fires are extinguished by one sprinkler head and usually only the sprinkler head at the source of the fire will activate.

If you have questions about sprinkler system or other fire-safety related topics, contact the Fire Marshal at 303-762-2479.

## Arapahoe County joins Green Government challenge

Arapahoe County is encouraging residents to participate in the National Association of Counties' "Green County" competitions by pledging to drive smarter and use energy-efficient light bulbs and appliances.

For details on the challenges, visit Arapahoe County's Web site ([www.co.arapahoe.co.us](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us)) and check out the "What's New" section.

## Englewood Art Exhibit featuring local artists

**Hampden Hall at Englewood Civic Center**  
1000 Englewood Parkway, 2nd floor

### On display October 13 - 19

Wednesday, Thursday, & Monday: 11 am - 2 pm  
& 5 - 7:30 pm  
Friday: 11 am - 2 pm  
Saturday & Sunday: 10 am - 2 pm

**Call for Artists** The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking artists for the Englewood Art Exhibit. This exhibit is for amateur artists (artists by hobby, not by profession) 18 years and older from the Denver metro area. Details and entry forms are available online ([www.englewoodgov.org](http://www.englewoodgov.org)), at the Malley Center (3380 S. Lincoln Street), the Recreation Center (1155 W. Oxford Avenue), and the Englewood Library (1000 Englewood Parkway). The deadline for entries is Monday, October 5, 2009. For more information, call Cheryl (303-762-2662) or Carol (303-762-2317).

## Artists' Reception

**Tuesday, October 13 • 6 - 8 pm**

The public is invited to view the artwork, watch art demonstrations, visit with artists, and vote for the People's Choice selection.

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](http://www.englewoodgov.org)  
**E-mail:** [info@englewoodgov.org](mailto:info@englewoodgov.org)

# City seeks input on 2010 budget

City Council and staff are working to keep Englewood's 2010 budget in line with diminishing revenues. The most current projections indicate further reductions in revenues throughout the end of this year that will require significant adjustments in the City budget.

The 2009 budget has already been adjusted to reduce expenditures by nearly \$1 million with minimal impact on City services. For 2010, employee wages will be frozen and some benefits reduced, but this is not enough to cover the projected shortfall. The reduction in revenues may equate to cuts in City programs and services.

We would like to hear from the community about the City of Englewood's proposed 2010 budget. If you have input to share, please attend the budget public hearing during the City Council meeting on September 21, 2009 (see notice to the right for details).

A copy of the proposed budget will be available after September 15 on our Web site ([www.Englewoodgov.org](http://www.Englewoodgov.org)) and a hard copy will be available for the public to review at the Englewood Library and in the City Manager's Office, both located in the Englewood Civic Center at 1000 Englewood Parkway.

## Public Hearing 2010 Budget

**Monday, Sept. 21  
7:30 pm**

Englewood Civic Center  
2nd Floor Council Chambers  
1000 Englewood Parkway

If you have ideas or input to share on the City of Englewood's 2010 proposed budget, plan on attending this public hearing.

An overview of the proposed budget will be available at [www.Englewoodgov.org](http://www.Englewoodgov.org) after September 15.

## New Business Update

When space in the newsletter allows, we are pleased to highlight new businesses that have opened in our community. Here are some of Englewood's new businesses:

### **El Tamal**

**3484 S. Broadway • 303-783-4636**  
El Tamal is a new Mexican restaurant in downtown Englewood.

### **Scooters on Broadway**

**2738 S. Broadway • 303-905-0915**  
This new dealership features a full line of scooters by Schwinn.

### **Walgreens**

**Bellevue & Broadway**  
The new store on the northeast corner of Bellevue and Broadway is scheduled to open mid-September.

## Graffiti Paint Out

**Saturday, Sept. 19  
8 -11 am**

*Join other neighborhood volunteers to help clean up graffiti in the community.*

If you would like to help with the Graffiti Paint Out, call Community Relations Specialist Toni Geier at 303-762-2490 for details.

## September 21-27 is Active Aging Week

*Celebrate Active Aging Week with the Malley Center. Stop by the front desk for a complete list of events.*

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

## ***Don't forget to take the signs down when your garage sale is over!***

If you and your neighbors are planning a garage sale this fall, please remember there are limitations on where you can place your advertising signs and how big the signs can be. In addition, they can only be posted for three days before the sale and must be removed right after the sale.

For details on these requirements and other Code Enforcement matters, please call 303-762-2335 or visit [www.Englewoodgov.org](http://www.Englewoodgov.org).



## Bridge dedication ceremony

Please join us as we mark the completion of our new bicycle and pedestrian bridges with a dedication ceremony and celebration event.

**Saturday, October 17  
10 am**

### Dartmouth Bridge

located just south of W. Dartmouth Ave. over the South Platte River

Visit [www.Englewoodgov.org](http://www.Englewoodgov.org) as the date gets closer for details on the event.

## Englewood Arts presents its 2009/2010 Cultural Arts Series

Someone to Watch Over Me • Sunday, September 27 • 2 pm  
Featuring pop artist and singer extraordinaire, Hazel Miller.

Music for the Piano & Cello • Saturday, October 24 • 2 pm  
Featuring Katie Mahan on Piano and the CSO's new Principal Cellist, Silver Ainomäe.



### 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.Englewoodarts.org](http://www.Englewoodarts.org) for more information.

## Used Book Sale

featuring bargains on hundreds of used books, CDs, DVDs, and other materials!

- **Thursday, September 10  
4 - 7 pm**
- **Friday, September 11  
10 am - 2 pm**
- **Saturday, September 12  
10 am - 2 pm**

**Englewood Public Library**  
1000 Englewood Parkway

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. All proceeds go towards Library programs and materials.



## Leaf & Tire Drop-Off

**Sunday, November 1 • 10 am - 4 pm**

**Sunday, November 8 • 10 am - 4 pm**

- **Location to be announced:** At press time, the location had not been finalized. Please check our Web site ([www.Englewoodgov.org](http://www.Englewoodgov.org)) after October 15 for location and other details.
- **Leaves:** No charge for leaves (Sorry, no grass clippings, tree branches, or other yard waste will be accepted. Residential recycling only. Materials will not be accepted from commercial or service companies.) Leave bags untied to speed up the unloading process.
- **Tires:** \$1.50/tire (unmounted) • \$3/tire (on rim) • No oversized tires accepted • Please bring correct change.

**Sponsored by Keep Englewood Beautiful**

## Paws to Read at the Englewood Library

DENVER PET PARTNERS  
— a program of —  
AMERICAN HUMANE



Young readers can practice their reading skills with a supportive pet partner, thanks to Denver Pet Partners' Paws to Read program. Visit our Web site: [www.Englewoodgov.org](http://www.Englewoodgov.org) (under the Library - Children's Corner) or call 303-783-6960 for details on the program.

# Arapahoe County offers help with weatherization improvements

Arapahoe County's Weatherization Division offers qualified low-income homeowners or renters in Arapahoe County free weatherization services. The services include an energy audit, home weatherization improvements that will help keep

their homes warmer in winter and cooler in summer, and educational materials on conserving energy.

Applicants must meet the latest low-income guidelines to qualify for the program. Families who receive assistance from the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Colorado Old Age Pension (COAP) automatically qualify.

Contact the Arapahoe County Weatherization Division at 303-636-1982 for more information and an application, or visit [www.co.arapahoe.co.us](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us) and search for "weatherization assistance."



## Take advantage of your Recreation Rewards

The "Recreation Rewards" program offers discounts at participating businesses for Englewood recreation cardholders. Just show your card at businesses displaying the Recreation Rewards logo. Please verify the current offer with the business before making your purchase.

A list of participating businesses and the discounts they offer is available on Englewood's Web site ([www.engagewood.gov.org](http://www.engagewood.gov.org)).

### More Energy Smart Resources...

Low-income Englewood families who want to learn more about saving energy around their homes can get a free "Energy Smart Living" DVD. Stop by the Community Development Department, located on the third floor of the Englewood Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway or call 303-762-2349 for more information.

The 45-minute video is co-produced by Energy Outreach Colorado, Xcel Energy, and Habitat for Humanity Colorado.

# KEB to hold annual household hazardous material drop-off

Keep Englewood Beautiful (KEB) has announced the dates for this year's Household Hazardous Material Drop-off: September 12 and September 19. Every fall, KEB partners with the Englewood Fire Department on this event that offers residents an opportunity to safely dispose of common household hazardous materials and electronic equipment.

The drop-off will take place on September 12 and 19 from 8 am to 2 pm at the Englewood ServiCenter, located at 2800 S. Platte River Drive. There is a limit of 10 gallons per household and proof of City of Englewood residency is required. Accepted materials and fees are listed below.

### Accepted Materials (\$20 co-pay)

- antifreeze
- automotive batteries
- flammable liquids (gasoline, kerosene, paint thinner)
- lawn and garden chemicals
- motor oil
- oil-based paint (latex paint is not accepted)
- propane tanks

### Electronic Equipment (Co-pays where noted—other equipment accepted free of charge.)

- cell phones
- computers
- copiers (desktop only)
- fax machines
- inkjet and toner cartridges
- laptop computers
- monitors (\$10 co-pay each)
- televisions (\$15 co-pay each)
- PDAs
- printers

If you have questions about accepted materials or alternative recycling locations, please call Englewood's Community Development Department at 303-762-2342.

### Drop-off dates

**Saturday, September 12**  
**Saturday, September 19**

**8 am to 2 pm**

Englewood ServiCenter  
2800 S. Platte River Drive

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**POSTAL CUSTOMER**

**Clip & Save!**

## Upcoming Events

-  Aug. 31 - Sept. 6 **Englewood Recreation Center Closed for Annual Maintenance**
- Sat. Sept. 5 **River Story** - a puppetry performance inspired by Bulgarian folklore 2 pm  
 Hampden Hall at Englewood Civic Center (2nd floor)  
 Call the Library's Children's Desk (303-783-6960) for details.
- Mon. Sept. 7 **Holiday - Labor Day**  
 Englewood Civic Center Offices, Library, Malley Center,  
 and Recreation Center closed.
- Tues. Sept. 8 **Englewood City Council Meeting** 7:30 pm  
 Englewood Civic Center – 2nd Floor Council Chambers
- Sept. 10-12 **Library Book Sale** (see page 6)
- Sat. Sept. 12 **Household Hazardous Materials Drop-Off** 8 am - 2 pm  
 & Sat. Sept. 19 Englewood Servicerter, 2800 S. Platte River Dr. (see page 7)
- Sat. Sept. 12 **Stage C - Live Variety Show** 7 pm  
 Hampden Hall, 1000 Englewood Pkwy. (2nd floor) [www.stagec.com](http://www.stagec.com)
- Mon. Sept. 21 **Englewood City Council Meeting** 7:30 pm  
 Englewood Civic Center – 2nd Floor Council Chambers
- Fri. Sept. 25 **Deadline for the 2010 Calendar Student Art Contest**  
 Visit [www.engagewoodgov.org](http://www.engagewoodgov.org) or call 303-762-2316 for details.
- Thurs. Oct. 1 **Malley Center Oktoberfest** 5:30 pm  
 3380 S. Lincoln St. - See Activities Guide or call 303-762-2660 for ticket info.
- Mon. Oct. 5 **Englewood City Council Meeting** 7:30 pm  
 Englewood Civic Center – 2nd Floor Council Chambers
- Mon. Oct. 19 **Englewood City Council Meeting** 7:30 pm  
 Englewood Civic Center – 2nd Floor Council Chambers
- Sat. Oct. 24 **Halloween Carnival** 5 - 8:30 pm  
 Englewood Recreation Center, 1155 W. Oxford (see page 8)
- Fri. Oct. 30 **Spooktacular Lunch at the Malley Center** 11:30 am  
 3380 S. Lincoln Street. Call 303-762-2660 to register.
- Tues. Nov. 3 **Election Day**  
 (Election edition of the *Citizen* newsletter will be distributed in early October.)

## Halloween Carnival

**Saturday,  
 October 24  
 5 to 8:30 pm**



**Englewood Recreation Center**  
 1155 W. Oxford Avenue

*Join us for a safe and fun party for all ages featuring inflatables, a haunted maze, carnival games, and more!*

Admission to the carnival is free.  
 Game tickets are 25¢ each.

**Mark your calendars for the annual Holiday Bazaar November 7 • 9 am to 4 pm**

The 2009 Holiday Bazaar will take place Saturday, November 7 at the Malley Senior Recreation Center, 3380 South Lincoln Street. Artisan registration for Englewood residents begins Wednesday, September 9. For details, call Carol at 303-762-2317.