

Englewood Citizen

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Grant award prompts return of Police Impact Team

The City of Englewood recently received a grant that will allow the Police Department to reestablish its Impact Team in early 2010. The original Impact Team operated from 1996 through 2004, when it was eliminated as a result of budget cuts. The Team focused on community partnerships, neighborhood relations, and joint problem-solving efforts. Over time, the Impact Team became a visible and effective mainstay at community events and throughout Englewood's neighborhoods.

"This team of officers will provide the City with a highly visible and proactive police presence."

The \$697,146 Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Recovery Program grant from the U.S. Department of Justice will fund three new officers for the next three years. The Police Department has hired new officers and determined which of its current officers will transition to the Impact Team. The Impact Team will consist of Officers Perry Schellpfeffer, Joel Jose, Chad Read, and Matt Mander. Sergeant Christian Contos will be team leader.

The Impact Team will patrol primarily by bicycle (as weather permits) so they can be more connected to the community and readily available for downtown businesses, at Englewood events, and in the neighborhood parks. The Team will also work with neighbors to help them solve disputes or disagreements, focusing on enhancing the quality of life in our community.

Chief Tom Vandermee sees the grant as an opportunity for the Police Department to connect more closely with the community. "We are looking forward to putting the Impact Team back on the street," he said. "This team of officers will provide the City with a highly visible and proactive police presence."

The Impact Team is due back in operation in January or February of 2010 and will be housed in a substation at the Englewood Civic Center near the light rail station. For additional information on the Impact Team, contact Sergeant Contos at 303-762-2379.

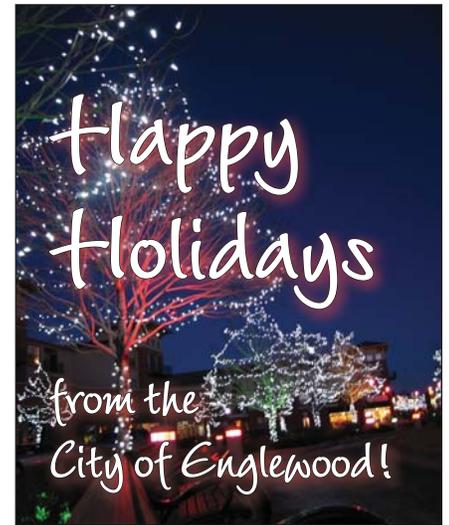


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Message from **City Council**

As I near the finish of my eight years on City Council, I take this time to reflect, although these few words can't begin to capture the amazing experience I've had.

First to my fellow citizens, I thank you for the opportunity to serve. Getting involved in one's community, in whatever form, is always a rewarding experience. I, personally, have been rewarded with a much deeper appreciation for the city in which we live. My two terms have been dominated by budget issues; I joined Council immediately after 9/11, and I finish my tenure during the worst recession since the Great Depression. The City of Englewood's budget has been tight and, for the foreseeable future, will likely just keep getting tighter. But I have learned first-hand that our city runs lean. Our staff continues to find ways to maintain our full-service city on less. As we live our daily lives, we often don't stop to appreciate exactly what we get as Englewood citizens. Our firefighters and police officers are only minutes away in an emergency; our water supply is the strongest in the Front Range; our streets and sidewalks; our sewer system; our parks, recreation facilities, library, etc. Pause to think about all of the many services and programs we enjoy; we have it good.

I cannot reflect on the city services without thinking about the city staff. It has been wonderful getting to work with you and, as noted above, I have a much better appreciation for the great jobs you do. And as I just finished my eighth and final budget process (the toughest yet), I will take the liberty of speaking for all of Council: We can't thank you enough for recognizing the severity of the economic situation and partnering with us to get through these tough times.

And to my fellow City Council members, I have had the pleasure of serving with 15 of you through the years. I have learned something from each one of you and I appreciate your service to our community. I must give special thanks to two from whom I learned a great deal. Mayor Garrett, I have never met someone with your ability to lead seven, opinionated, independent politicians. Your intellect and leadership I will always strive to emulate. And to the late Mayor Wolosyn, you had a different way of leading. The manner in which you faced challenges truly inspired me. Representing the city at your memorial was the saddest, most difficult, yet the most important and honored moment I spent on Council. Your inspiration is permanent.

Thank you all.

City Council seeks volunteers to serve on boards and commissions

Interested in getting involved in your community and your local government? Consider volunteering on one of the City of Englewood's boards or commissions. Board and commission members serve in an advisory capacity to City Council on issues ranging from cultural arts to zoning concerns.

The deadline for applications is Monday, January 4 at 5 pm. If you would like more information on the City's boards and commissions, visit www.Englewoodgov.org - "Inside City Hall" or call the City Manager's Office at 303-762-2310.

Free! Workshop for first-time homebuyers

Tuesday, November 10

5:30 - 9:30 pm

Englewood Civic Center

2nd Floor Community Room
1000 Englewood Parkway

Register online at the Colorado Housing Assistance Corporation's Web site (www.coloradohousingassistance.org) or call 303-572-9445, ext. 3 and leave your name and number.

For general information on the class, call Englewood's Community Development Department at 303-762-2349.

2010 Calendar Artists announced

Calendars available December 8

Each year, the City of Englewood produces a calendar showcasing the artwork of Englewood's talented young artists. We are pleased to announce the student artists whose work will be included in the 2010 Englewood Calendar:

Gage Bland (Colorado's Finest Alternative High School); Meghan Branstetter (Colorado's Finest Alternative High School); Emma Bray (St. Anne's Episcopal); Olivia Castro (All Souls); Evan Dalton (Charles Hay Elementary); Bailey Davis (Clayton Elementary); Shayla Frederick (All Souls); Hannah Landwehr (All Souls); Jacob Lechner (All Souls); Jazlyn Rodriguez (Cherrellyn Elementary); Brenna Sauer (All

Souls); Geneva Schafer (Cherrellyn Elementary); Tyann Scott (Clayton Elementary); Preston Scott (Clayton Elementary); Brittney Venable (Clayton Elementary); and Frank Woronoff (All Souls).

The top 50 finalists in the student art contest will be honored at an Artists' Reception hosted by the Museum of Outdoor Arts. The reception will take place on Thursday, November 5 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the second floor atrium of the Englewood Civic Center, located at 1000 Englewood Parkway.

Englewood's 2010 Student Art Calendar will be available beginning Tuesday, December 8 at the locations listed to the right.

CALENDAR ART Top 50 Exhibit

November 5 to December 4

Artists' Reception
Thursday, Nov. 5
5:30 to 6:30 pm

Englewood Civic Center
2nd Floor Atrium
1000 Englewood Pkwy.
Englewood, Colorado

- **Englewood Civic Center**
3rd floor City Manager's Office
1000 Englewood Parkway
- **Englewood Public Library**
1st Floor of the Civic Center
- **Englewood Recreation Center**
1155 W. Oxford Avenue
- **Malley Center**
3380 S. Lincoln Street

Police Department introduces new patrol car design

In a classic "everything old is new again" twist, the Englewood Police Department's fleet of vehicles now sports a new old look as the department has transitioned to a more traditional black and white design.

Studies show that black and white police cars increase visibility and recognition of the police by the community. Law enforcement agencies nationwide have begun leaning towards more traditional black and white vehicles, and Englewood is joining that trend.

The new design has been phased in over the last several months as the older patrol cars in the fleet were replaced with new vehicles.



The Englewood Police Department has switched to a more traditional black and white design on its new patrol cars. This supervisor's vehicle is an example of the new design seen on all of Englewood's patrol cars.

Food for Fines

Pay off your Library fines with a donation of food November 30 - December 13

The Englewood Public Library has announced the dates for its Winter "Food for Fines" program: Monday, November 30 through Sunday, December 13, 2009. The program allows patrons to pay off overdue fines through the donation of non-perishable food items. The donated items are given to Inter-Faith Community Services for distribution to local families through the agency's Food Bank.

Program details:

- 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.

Over the 19 years that the program has been in existence, Food for Fines has contributed an estimated \$37,000 in donations to the InterFaith Community Services' Food Bank.

Englewood Public Library

1000 Englewood Parkway

Monday - Thursday: 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 5:30 pm
Sunday: 1 - 5 pm

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.engagewoodgov.org

E-mail: info@engagewoodgov.org

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 7 • 9 am - 4 pm
Malley Center, 3380 S. Lincoln Street

Get an early start on holiday shopping! Over 90 artisans will offer homemade crafts and artwork.



Streets crews prepare for winter

Englewood's Public Works Department is getting ready for winter. In anticipation of a snowy season, the plows and graders are tuned up and our streets crews are prepared to work around-the-clock if necessary to make sure streets are drivable. In addition, the snow phone line and e-mail are up and running so residents can report problem areas.

Snow plow routes throughout Englewood are prioritized by the number of vehicles traveling on each thoroughfare. The streets are plowed in the following order:

- 1. Primary Grid Streets** – Main thoroughfares like Broadway, Dartmouth, Oxford, Logan, and Tejon, as well as roadways adjacent to schools and hospitals.
- 2. Secondary Grid Streets** – Streets or avenues like Delaware, Clarkson, Huron, Kenyon, Quincy, and Tufts that create links to the primary grid streets.
- 3. Residential Streets** – Residential streets are generally not plowed unless they have steep hills and chronic icing problems or a snow emergency is declared. If snow accumulations are above eight inches, crews will "V" plow the centers of all residential streets. Crews typically plow only once to avoid closing off the driveways of

those residents who have already dug out their sidewalks and driveways.

Alleys are not plowed because of their narrow configuration, but crews may run front-end loaders through the alleys to help clear the snow from major storms.

The state highways that pass through Englewood (Santa Fe Drive, US 285, and a portion of Belleview and Federal) are the responsibility of the Colorado Department of Transportation.

If you would like more information on snow removal prioritization and answers to frequently asked weather-related questions, visit the Public Works pages on Englewood's Web site: www.engagewoodgov.org or call 303-762-2500.



Snow Phone Line:

303-762-2520

Snow e-mail:

snow@engagewoodgov.org

Residents can report problem areas after significant storms on the Public Works Department's Snow Phone Line and e-mail. The phone line and e-mail are monitored from 7:30 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday and periodically on nights and weekends during major storms.

News from Neighborhood Services

Tips on urban wildlife

Over the past year, Englewood's Code Enforcement Division has had numerous reports of coyotes and other wildlife in neighborhoods throughout Englewood. Coyotes, foxes, skunks, and other wild visitors are considered normal urban wildlife.

Keep an eye on your pets

It is always a good idea to keep a watchful eye on your pets—small dogs and cats outside can be an attractive food source for coyotes and other wildlife. The following list offers some additional tips for discouraging wildlife from visiting your yard.

Discouraging Wildlife

- Please do not feed or approach wild animals.

- If you encounter a wild animal, "haze" it by yelling and waving your arms.
- Feed your pets indoors or remove food and water dishes from any outdoor enclosures each evening.
- Seal access to areas under porches or sheds that may be an attractive shelter for wildlife.
- Store trash in covered containers and do not put it out before the morning of the scheduled pick-up.



Due to state restrictions, the City of Englewood cannot relocate wildlife. Wildlife concerns fall under the jurisdiction of the Colorado Division of Wildlife. For more information on urban wildlife, visit the Division of Wildlife's Web site listed in the box below.

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

Colorado Division of Wildlife

303-297-1192 • www.wildlife.state.co.us/WildlifeSpecies/LivingWithWildlife

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:

Groove Subaru

5300 S. Broadway • 1-877-843-4336
www.groovesubaru.com

Groove Toyota

5460 S. Broadway • 1-877-739-9796
www.groovetoyota.com

Burt Subaru and Burt Toyota were recently purchased by Summit Automotive Group, doing business as Groove Automotive.

Jennie Marie Wedding Boutique

3986 S. Broadway • 720-974-4888
This new consignment boutique offers fine bridal wear.

Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches

3001 S. Broadway • 303-781-6111
www.jimmyjohns.com
This new gourmet sandwich shop has opened in a newly remodeled building downtown.

Quacker Gift Shop

3440 S. Broadway • 303-789-3825
www.quackergiftshop.com
This new gift shop is your source for all things ducky—including rubber ducks and duck bouquets.

Neighborhood Watch Holiday Celebration & Volunteer Recognition

Thursday, December 3
6 - 9 pm

Englewood Civic Center

2nd Floor Community Room
1000 Englewood Parkway

Neighborhood Watch Block Captains, Police Citizens' Academy graduates, Graffiti Paint-Out participants, and other volunteers are invited to attend this reception.

Please RSVP to Community Relations Specialist Toni Geier at 303-762-2490 or neighborhoodwatch@englewoodgov.org.

Caught up in the holiday spirit?

Enter your home or business in the Holiday Decorating Event!

Keep Englewood Beautiful has announced the details of this year's Holiday Decorating Event. If you decorate your home or business for the holidays, share your holiday spirit with the community by participating in this annual holiday tradition.

Details:

Entry Forms: Available beginning November 18 at the following locations:

- Englewood Library
1000 Englewood Pkwy. (1st floor)
- Community Development Dept.
1000 Englewood Pkwy. (3rd floor)
- Englewood Recreation Center
1155 W. Oxford Ave.
- Malley Center
3380 S. Lincoln St.
- On our Web site
www.Englewoodgov.org

Deadline: December 2 at 4:30 pm

Display Dates: December 1 through January 5

Awards Presentation: Awards will be announced at the City Council meeting on December 21.

For further information on the Holiday Decorating Event, contact the Community Development Department at 303-762-2342.



One of last year's Holiday Decorating Event participants is shown above.

Ho-Ho-Holiday Events

Englewood Parks and Recreation has lots of holiday cheer in store with events throughout the holiday season.

Santa Calling Weds., December 9 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Through the Santa Calling program, you can make arrangements for Santa Claus to call your child from the North Pole. Santa will call children from pre-school through seven years of age. Calling time is limited, so please make sure to have your children home during calling hours.

Register for the Santa Calling program no later than Monday, December 7. Registration forms will be available beginning November 23 at the following locations:

- Englewood Library
1000 Englewood Pkwy.
- Englewood Recreation Center
1155 W. Oxford Ave.
- Malley Center
3380 S. Lincoln St.
- On our Web site
www.Englewoodgov.org



Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 13

8 am & 9 am seatings

Malley Center, 3380 S. Lincoln St.

Enjoy breakfast with Santa Claus, featuring all-you-can eat pancakes, plus a commemorative photo and gift for the children.

Tickets are \$4.50/adults and \$3.50/children 10 and under. Purchase tickets in advance at the Malley Center.

Tree Lighting

Monday, November 23 • 6 pm

Join City Council as they light the tree in front of the Civic Center (1000 Englewood Parkway).

Santa Suits for Rent

Surprise your family or friends with a visit from Santa Claus! The Englewood Recreation Center has Santa Suits for rent, complete with all the jolly accessories. The suits rent for \$40 per day, plus a \$50 refundable deposit.

Call the Englewood Recreation Center at 303-762-2680 to reserve your suit.

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

Rosetta Chamber Society • Sunday, November 8 • 2 pm

Featuring a collection of canons, fugues, and other works by J.S. Bach.

Mozart Musicale • Sunday, November 29 • 2 pm

Catherine Peterson on flute, Monica Hanulik on oboe, and the Up Close and Musical ensemble

Silent Night • Sunday, December 20 • 2 pm

Featuring violinist Erik Peterson, soprano Brenda Rolling, the Up Close and Musical Ensemble, and the Clayton Elementary School Choir performing traditional Christmas music.



Hampden Hall at Englewood Civic Center

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

Ticket prices vary. Tickets may be purchased online (www.Englewoodarts.org) or at the door.

Visit www.Englewoodarts.org or call 303-806-8196 for more information.

Front Range Travel Counts survey

Some Englewood households will be asked to participate

A number of Englewood residents will have an opportunity to influence traffic challenges by participating in the Front Range Travel Counts survey over the next year. The survey will ask 12,000 randomly selected households along Colorado's Front Range to track their travel patterns. The goal of the study is to help planners make more informed decisions when it comes to evaluating and prioritizing regional transportation projects.

The survey, which will run through fall of 2010, is the first in-depth study of urban household travel along Colorado's Front Range.

For more information on the survey, visit www.nustats.com/Front-Range or call the survey hotline at 1-888-222-7734.

The Front Range Travel Counts survey is a collaborative effort between the Denver Regional Council of Governments and other agencies across the front range.

Thanks to our volunteers!

Many thanks to those of you who helped with the 2009 "Graffiti Paint Out" events and participated in the Police Citizens' Academy. Your involvement helps make Englewood a better and safer place to live and work!

Winterizing your home's plumbing *Tips from the Utilities Department*

The Farmer's Almanac indicates we may be in for a cold winter. The Utilities Department offers the following tips on preparing your home's plumbing for winter:

- Locate your home's water main valve in the event you need to shut it off in an emergency.
- Drain all garden hoses and disconnect them from the faucets.
- Insulate exposed plumbing pipes in basements and crawl spaces. If there are pipes in unheated areas of the house, such as crawl spaces, attics, or uninsulated outside walls, these pipes can freeze and burst. It is best to insulate pipes with flexible heating cable. Wrap the pipe with the cable and then cover with foam-sleeve insulation.

- Inspect your home's foundation for gaps and cracks and seal them with caulking or other appropriate filler.
- Drain swamp cooler pipes and, if the cooler has a water shut-off valve, turn it off.
- Have sprinkler systems "blown out" with compressed air to prevent them from freezing.
- If you go on vacation or are away from your home for any length of time, it's a good idea to leave the heat on, set to at least 55 degrees.

If you would like additional information about winterizing your home plumbing, contact Englewood's Utilities Department at 303-762-2635.

Seasonal safety tips from the Englewood Fire Department

Two of the things that keep us warm and festive in winter can be the cause of home fires unless used carefully. These tips from the Fire Department can help keep you and your family safe when using portable heaters and holiday decorations this winter.

Portable Heaters

- Use caution when using portable heaters - keep things that can burn (such as paper, bedding, or furniture) at least three feet from space heaters.
- If you use a wood-burning fireplace, always use a screen so sparks don't escape.

- Always make sure the fire in your fireplace is out and your portable heaters are turned off before you leave the house.

Holiday Lights

- Make sure your cords are in good shape. Replace cracked or damaged electrical cords before you string your holiday lights.
- Keep light bulbs and candles away from anything that can burn (such as curtains).

For additional fire and other general safety tips, visit our Web site (www.engagewoodgov.org) and check the Fire Department "Safety Tips" section.

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Upcoming Events

Sun. Nov. 1	Leaf & Tire Drop-Off Visit www.engagewoodgov.org for details	10 am - 4 pm
Mon. Nov. 2	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center – 2nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Tues. Nov. 3	Election Day	
Sat. Nov. 7	Holiday Bazaar Malley Center, 3380 S. Lincoln Street (See page 4)	9 am - 4 pm
Sun. Nov. 8	Leaf & Tire Drop-Off Visit www.engagewoodgov.org for details	10 am - 4 pm
Wed. Nov. 11	Holiday - Veterans Day Englewood Civic Center Offices, Library, Malley Center closed.	
Mon. Nov. 16	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center – 2nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Mon. Nov. 23	Tree Lighting CityCenter Englewood Piazza (1000 Englewood Parkway)	6 pm
Nov. 26 & 27	Holiday - Thanksgiving Englewood Civic Center Offices, Library, Malley Center closed Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27. Englewood Recreation Center closed Thursday.	
Mon. Dec. 7	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center – 2nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Sat. Dec. 12	Breakfast with Santa 8-10 am Malley Center, 3380 S. Lincoln Street (See page 6)	
Mon. Dec. 21	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center – 2nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Dec. 24 & 25	Holiday - Christmas Englewood Civic Center Offices, Library, Malley Center closed Thursday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 25. Englewood Recreation Center: partial hours Thursday; closed Friday. Broken Tee Englewood Golf Course closed Friday.	
Dec. 31 & Jan. 1	Holiday - New Years Englewood Civic Center Offices, Library, Malley Center closed Thursday, Dec. 31 and Friday, Jan. 1. Englewood Recreation Center: partial hours Thursday; closed Friday.	

Library Events

Book-signing

Thursday, November 12 • 7-9 pm
 Hampden Hall (2nd floor)
 1000 Englewood Parkway
Smaldone: The Untold Story of an American Crime Family with Dick Kreck and Gene Smaldone

Teen Programs at the Library

November is National Novel Writing Month, and the Library is celebrating with a variety of events for teens. Check our Web site for details.

- *Twilight* Fan Fiction Contest
- Saturday Writing Workshops
- and a special *Twilight* showing!

Plus, fun displays and children's storytimes for fall!

For details on these and other Library events, stop by the Library or visit www.engagewoodgov.org.

Englewood Public Library

1000 Englewood Parkway
www.engagewoodgov.org

Monday - Thursday: 10 am - 9 pm
 Friday/Saturday: 10 am - 5:30 pm
 Sunday: 1 - 5 pm