Upcoming Council Meetings

City Offices will be closed on Thursday, December 31, 2015, and Friday, January 1, 2016, in observance of the New Year Holiday.

On Monday, January 4, 2016, the Study Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. The Regular Meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The next Study Session will be on Monday, January 11, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.

Informational Items

The following attachments are in response to City Council requests, as well as other informational items.

1. Englewood Herald article entitled: Santa’s helpers wear Badges in Englewood
2. Englewood Herald article regarding: Arapahoe County Open Space Fund awards $500,000 for the RiverRun Trailhead Project
3. Englewood Herald article entitled: For Englewood City Manager, 2015 a Year of Change
4. The Villager article regarding: Englewood Headlines from 2015
5. Memo regarding: Special Highway Committee has awarded Funding to Englewood
6. Calendar of Events
7. Tentative Study Session Topics
Santa's helpers wear badges in Englewood

Families shop with cops, code officers to get Christmas gifts

Englewood Detective Bobbi Garrett, left, and Triston Kelly look over one of the toy displays during the Dec. 17 Shop with a Cop event at Walmart. The Englewood Walmart store partners with Englewood Police Department on the project. The store provides a gift card for each child and police officers assist the child with his or her shopping.

TOM MUNDS

http://englewoodherald.net/stories/Santas-helpers-wear-badges,204095?
The eyes of 18 children sparked with excitement and they had ear-to-ear smiles on Dec. 17 thanks to Englewood Walmart and the Englewood police and code enforcement officers acting as Santa's helpers during the annual Shop with a Cop event.

“I cried when I got the call about bringing my grandson Tristen down here to shop for gifts tonight,” Candy Dockin said. “Times aren't easy and I didn't know what we were going to do for gifts till I got the call about tonight. It was such a wonderful, total surprise. I am so grateful to the store and the police for helping us. I can't stop smiling.”

Tristen Dockin, 6, said he was ready to go shopping. He wasn't sure what he wanted to get but would know it when he saw it, he said.

When it was time to begin shopping, each family was teamed up with a police officer or code enforcement officer. Walmart provided a gift card for each child and the children directed the shopping as they decided what they wanted to buy.

Triston Kelly, 7, accompanied by Detective Bobbi Garrett, headed for the clothing department, picked up socks and some other items, then headed to the toy department.

“I wanted a big Lego kit but I couldn't get it,” the 7-year-old said. “So I got one Lego kit and some other toys I like. It is fun to shop like this and I thank the police for helping our family.”

A short distance away, Michelle Martinez and her grandson Lance were shopping.

“I can't tell you how grateful we are that they are doing this for us,” she said. “I didn't know how we were going to have presents for Lance. The call came and it made my day. It is such a wonderful thing for everyone to do and I thank everyone who makes this possible.”

Each year, the Englewood Police Department and the Englewood Walmart store team up for Shop with a Cop event.

Kristine Wallen, office associate at the Englewood Walmart, said the Shop with a Cop program has become a tradition at her store.
“I have worked with the program for the last six or seven years and I love it,” she said. “It makes me happy that our stores can work with the police department to help families have a nicer Christmas. It is a great way to give back to our community and the reward is the smiles on the faces of the children as they get the gifts they want for Christmas.”

She said it makes her feel the true spirit of the season as she and Walmart help families have a nicer Christmas.

Toni Arnoldy heads police community relations and helps organize Shop with a Cop each year.

“Our officers and the Englewood schools nominate families that Shop with a Cop will help,” she said. “We ask officers to volunteer to help the family shop and there is never a shortage of volunteers.”

Officer Matt Mander has been a part of Shop with a Cop for the last eight years. This year, he helped three-year-old Adeline Zastrow and her parents shop for presents. The little girl smiled as she helped Mander unload the gifts at the checkout point.

“Each year is different but each year is fun,” Mander said. “I like the opportunity to meet with children and families in this setting that gives them a good experience with police officers. It is special, I enjoy the event and I look forward to it each year.”

This was the first Shop with a Cop experience for Officer Dan Sheeley.

“I am glad to be a part of such a great program,” he said. “I have three young children, a newborn, a 3-year-old and a 6-year-old. My kids make Christmas a fun time around our house so I know about how much Christmas means to children. It makes me feel good to help these families have a nicer Christmas.”

Keywords

Shop with a Cop, Englewood Police Department, Englewood Colorado, Tom Munds

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SOUTH PLATTE

RiverRun trailhead project underway in Englewood

Arapahoe County Open Space funds given for second phase

The Dec. 17 snow didn't stop work on phase one of the RiverRun trailhead at West Oxford Avenue and the South Platte River. Phase one is scheduled to be done by spring and Englewood received Arapahoe County Open Space grant funding to immediately start phase two.

TOM MUNDS

Posted Thursday, December 24, 2015 5:19 pm
Tom Munds (mailto:tmunds@coloradocommunitymedia.com)

Phase one of the RiverRun project is underway and the Arapahoe County Open Space Fund has awarded Englewood $500,000 to fund the project's second phase.

The River Run project is designed to revitalize about seven miles of the South Platte River running through Littleton, Englewood and Sheridan.

The effort is being spearheaded by the South Platte River Group. The organization is comprised of representatives from Englewood, Sheridan, Littleton, Arapahoe County, South Suburban Parks and Recreation District, the Colorado Water Conservation Board, Urban Drainage and Flood Control District and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Arapahoe County officials announced Englewood’s funding application had been approved as part of the county's open space fund fall grant cycle.

The grant funding will be used for continued work on the RiverRun Trailhead, located along the South Platte River at Oxford Avenue. When completed, the trailhead project will include a picnic pavilion, playground, restroom facilities, ADA access to the river, and access to regional trails.

Phase one work is centered on the east side of the river and north of West Oxford in the west end of the Broken Tee Golf Course parking lot. On Dec. 17, the growl of heavy dirt-moving equipment at the west end of the Broken Tee Golf Course parking lot drowned out West Oxford Avenue traffic.

Phase one involves removal of light poles; site preparation, which includes grading to make the site handicap accessible; bringing in utilities and working on the drainage system. The goal is to have phase one completed by spring, said Dave Henderson, Englewood Public Works deputy director.

“Phase two will begin when phase one is completed,” he said. "The plans for phase two involve construction of the picnic shelter, restrooms, as well as putting in irrigation and landscaping. There will also be work on easy access to the river and work on the wave-rider feature that is to be part of the project.”

Phase one was funded by a $300,000 grant from Arapahoe County Open Space Fund and $100,000 in matching funds from the City of Englewood.
For Englewood city manager, 2015 a year of change

Q&A with Eric Keck

Tom Munds (mailto:tmunds@coloradocommunitymedia.com)

Eric Keck, who is about to complete his first full year as Englewood city manager, recently took time to answer some questions about that year.
How do you think this first year has gone?

It has been a year of change and transition for the city as people became accustomed to working with me. I see things differently than they were used to with previous managers. I look at things from a standpoint of focusing on continuous improvement and how can we put processes and procedures in place that are going to lead to success that can be repeated and sustained.

When I first got here, things in the city had been the same for so long that coming in with new ideas met with mixed reactions. Some people embraced them and sometimes staff has struggled with what I was proposing. But my goal and my agenda are singularly focused on making this the best organization and the best community that we can build.

I don't have all the ideas but our staff does to create a different culture where people aren't afraid to bring forward new suggestions and ideas. It has been a fun year and a challenging year.

Did you know you faced these challenges when you took the job?

I knew there were some challenges but it is like answering an advertisement that didn't include all the facts. For example, I knew the city has some financial issues but I didn't know the financial headwinds were as strong as they were because the challenges like spending exceeding revenues for quite a while, which is not a sustainable situation.

Also it has been interesting learning the nature of the community. I spent a lot of time talking to residents and members of the business community. Clearly not everyone is on the same page and everyone has his or her own idea of what they want to see from Englewood and what they want the city to grow into. The one thing they share is everyone wants to retain the small-town feel with the urban convenience. That is precisely what came out from the response to the branding issue and the fire department issue. But what the community needs to understand is that if we don't look at changes and be more financially responsible, we are standing on the precipice of major failure as a community from the standpoint of not being able to financially carry all the products, services and maintain all the infrastructure that people want, need, desire and demand.

Had we not contracted with Denver for fire and emergency medical services we would have had to made wholesale cuts at the city in order to be able to provide the services we do today. I will say I am very pleased with our relationship with Denver Fire Department. They have been able to focus resources including personnel and equipment on situations the Englewood Fire Department would not have been able to duplicate.
There will be many more difficult conversations with the city council about what is important to residents about service delivery. We will be able to fund the services right now but as we forecast the future out that isn't sustainable because expenses are predicted to rise and our revenues don't keep pace. The city has depended heavily on sales tax but that is not a stable revenue source and there is no plan if there is a huge extended decline is sales taxes.

**What changes have you made in the organization?**

When we got here, we had 11 departments and some of those functions overlapped. For example, we had three maintenance departments. I met with the department directors and the people in the department to have them tell me what they did and how they did it.

There were a lot of situations where departments were not working well together, and we have sought to eliminate that because government must become more efficient to quickly meet the demands of the public who are our customers.

Through people leaving and people retiring we have reduced the 11 departments to six and soon that number will be five. We don't want to push anyone out. We just need to adjust and adapt to doing things differently and more efficiently.

**What about pending capital needs?**

We have more than $250 million in capital needs in the next 20 years that are not funded. This was discussed briefly at the recent council meeting so we can look to take action to deal with these issues soon. We need to look at the top three needs in each major area that, if not addressed, will cost even more because it will mean rebuilding the bridge or the street.

**Are there answers to the financial issues?**

There are three ways to make a profit and the city so far has looked at just one, reducing spending.

But we must focus on how the private sector increased profits. We need to also increase revenue, primarily sales tax, by strong economic development to bring increases in sales and use taxes.

The third issue is how to have sustainable revenue sources. Sales tax is cyclical with ups and downs. The city needs to find a long-term sustainable revenue source such as property tax.

**Will the next year be as busy as 2015?**
We still have a lot of work to do internally, while there will still be changes in the organization and its processes and procedures. But I believe these are changes that will have more impact internally and probably go unnoticed by most residents.

Keywords


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From the Holmes trial to politics as usual

BY PETER JONES
STAFF WRITER

It was a year of tragedy and some healing, a year of governmental change and controversy.

The year 2015 saw monumental birthdays for two Arapahoe County cities—one a historical stalwart, another among the newest municipalities in Colorado.

The year also saw the end of the 106-year-old Englewood Fire Department and the dawn of what is hoped to be a return of past glories for Glendale.

Here is a month-by-month look back at the year that was in Arapahoe County:

January

• A former Aurora Police officer is killed when his twin-engine plane crashes in a residential neighborhood near Centennial Airport.

• The long-standing and often feisty Arapahoe County Republican Men’s Club is reinvented as the more inclusive Arapahoe County Republican Breakfast Club.
Englewood’s Amy Johnson rode on the Donate Life float in the Rose Parade in honor of daughter Nicole.

- Englewood’s Amy Johnson, mother of organ donor Nicole, rides on the Donate Life float in California’s Rose Parade.

- Jamal Dawed of Aurora is convicted of vehicular homicide in the death of off-duty Littleton Police Officer Kevin Denner.

Englewood firefighters listen as the fate of their department is discussed. The department was dissolved in May when the city signed a fire-services contract with Denver.

- Englewood City Manager Eric Keck proposes shutting down the city’s fire department in favor of a contract with an outside service provider.

- The Colorado State Board of Education sends a rejected charter-school application back to the Englewood and Sheridan school districts for reconsideration.

- Cherry Hills Village Mayor Laura Christman replaces the defeated Doug Tisdale.

- The new Englewood Campus, a combined middle and high school, opens to all students.

- Former District Attorney Robert Gallagher dies at 80.

February

- U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman, R-Aurora, introduces a bill to authorize the Army Corps of Engineers to take over construction for the beleaguered Aurora Veterans Affairs Hospital.
• TriCity Academy, the proposed charter school in Englewood or Sheridan, is sent back to the state board for reconsideration after both districts reject the application.

• Conservation Colorado issues a map showing suburban Arapahoe County dotted by oil and gas leases and rights, prompting county Commissioner Nancy Sharpe to call it a “scare tactic.”

• Arapahoe County and the City of Littleton enter a war of words over responsibility when the county uses a city list to send ballots for a Littleton election to some underage voters.

March

• The City of Littleton marks its 125th birthday.

• Littleton’s “Sunshine Boys” successfully pass two controversial initiatives to limit the city’s urban-renewal authority.

• Greenwood Village Mayor Ron Rakowsky delivers State of the Village address, saying, “We have no debt. ... That’s a good place for a city to be.”

• Littleton Public Schools Board of Education taps Englewood Schools Superintendent Brian Ewert to replace LPS’s outgoing Scott Murphy.

• Former Arapahoe County Sheriff Pat Sullivan receives early parole in his 15-month sentence for a drug conviction.

• Littleton City Councilman Randy Stein resigns in face of a recall effort and is soon replaced by Bill Hopping.

April
This year, the parents of Arapahoe High School shooting victim Claire Davis achieved both a disclosure agreement with Littleton Public Schools and passage of the Claire Davis School Safety Act. File Photos

• The parents of Arapahoe High School shooting victim Claire Davis reach an agreement to waive damages against Littleton Public Schools in exchange for the district releasing more information surrounding the tragedy.

• City of Glendale unveils plans for Glendale 180, a planned mixed-use development, in hopes of returning the city to its nightlife and entertainment heyday.

• Jones International University in Centennial, the nation’s first full online accredited university, announces it will close in 2016.
Centennial Mayor Cathy Noon delivers her State of Our City address in April.

- Centennial Mayor Cathy Noon delivers her State of Our City address, with a flash mob illustrating Centennial’s vibrancy.

May

- A Douglas County jury convicts Centennial’s Ryan Stone of 18 counts for a 75-mile, 100 mph-plus car chase in 2014; he is later sentenced to 160 years in prison

- The Claire Davis School Safety Act passes in Colorado, creating a legal duty for school districts to protect students and staff from harm that is “reasonably foreseeable.”
Littleton actress Elizabeth Jayne hosted the Colorado premiere of her movie Ride, starring Helen Hunt, in Highlands Ranch.

• Ride, co-starring Helen Hunt and Littleton’s Elizabeth Jayne, has its Colorado premiere in Highlands Ranch.

• The alleged “Longhorn Bandit” is killed by self-inflicted gunshots after a standoff with Littleton Police.

• Englewood Schools appoints Chatfield High School Principal Wendy Rubin as superintendent.

• City of Englewood inks final fire contract with City of Denver, dissolving Englewood’s own longstanding fire department.

June
• City of Glendale begins a protracted legal dispute with Authentic Persian and Oriental Rugs, which feared the city would exercise a forced taking of its property.

• A standoff with an armed suspect in a Greenwood Village home results in virtual destruction of the house, prompting questions.

• Glenn Jones, chairman of Centennial’s Jones/NCTI, receives the Library of Congress Living Legend award. He dies a few weeks later.

Chelsea Clinton helps Girl Scouts pack medical supplies while kicking off the Clinton Foundation’s Day of Action in June at Project CURE in Centennial.

• Chelsea Clinton kicks off the Clinton Foundation’s Day of Action at Project C.U.R.E. in Centennial.

• Colorado State Board of Education overrules Englewood Schools’ objections to the TriCity charter-school application, ordering the district to sort out its differences with applicants.

• South Suburban Parks and Recreation names Castle Rock’s Rob Hanna as its executive director after the resignation of longtime leader David Lorenz.

July
Expect one of the most expensive races of the year in 2016 with Democrat Morgan Carroll challenging Rep. Mike Coffman in the 6th Congressional District. Carroll announced her candidacy in July.

• Centennial’s Olympic gold medalist Missy Franklin receives an ESPY for Best Female College Athlete, the first swimmer to take the award.

August

• A jury finds Aurora theater shooter James Holmes guilty and sentences him to life in prison, rejecting District Attorney George Brauchler’s pleas for the death penalty.

• Greenwood Villager Beth McCarley is named the only U.S. winner in National Geographic’s Traveler photo contest.

September
• Cherry Hills Villager Phyllis Danner, an 80-year-old stroke survivor, rings the opening bell on Wall Street, making the first public stock offering for Penumbra, the medical-device company that helped save her life.

• Centennial marks its 15th birthday with a pancake breakfast in honor of a similar meal the incorporation’s founders once shared.

October

• Cherry Creek Schools Board of Education unanimously rejects an application for Heritage Heights Charter School, whose for-profit contractor raised controversy.

• Glendale 180 attracts another lawsuit, this time from neighboring Staybridge Suites, which claims the city stacked the deck by selling small land parcels to city staffers.

November

• Littleton City Council passes a comprehensive smoking ban for Historic Downtown, the first of its kind in the metro area.

• Littleton’s Bruce Beckman and Englewood’s Joe Jefferson are elected by their respective city councils as the newest south metro mayors.

December

• State Rep. Jack Tate, R-Centennial, is tapped to replace state Sen. David Balmer after the latter had announced his resignation.

• Englewood Schools and TriCity Academy sign an agreement allowing the Charter School Institute to decide the fate of the proposed school for the 2016/17 school year.
December 18, 2015

Mr. Paul Weller
Department of Public Works
City of Englewood
1000 Englewood Parkway
Englewood, CO 80110

RE: ENGLWD-DAPR

Dear Mr. Weller,

The Special Highway Committee met on December 18 and recommended to the Transportation Commission funding for several municipal bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects. I am pleased to inform you that the Committee has recommended additional funding for the rehabilitation project ENGLWD-DAPR. The award is for $867,544. This amount, when combined with last year’s award of $524,000, will provide 80 percent of the project cost estimate. All awards from the federally funded Colorado Off-System Bridge Program are subject to final approval by the Department of Transportation.

The project must be included in the urban Transportation and Improvement Program (TIP) and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). If the project is not already included in these programs, please contact your CDOT regional office to comply.

Timing and administration of the bridge project will be coordinated with the Colorado Department of Transportation. No work that will be paid for with these funds should begin without CDOT approval. Please contact our CDOT liaison to the Special Highway Committee Behrooz Far at (303)757-9190 to coordinate the process.

Mark Radtke
Colorado Municipal League
Staff member to the Committee
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STUDY SESSIONS TOPICS
FOR ENGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL

January 4  Study Session & Regular Meeting
  Mountain States Employers Council
  City Council Goal-Setting Session (Ideation)

January 11  Study Session – 5:30 p.m.
  Board and Commission Interviews

January 19  Study Session & Regular Meeting – Tuesday
  Evaluate City Attorney Search Firm RFPs
  Urban Drainage
  COOP & Emergency Operation Plan
  Financial Report

January 20  Lunch Meeting with Congresswoman Diana DeGette

January 25  Study Session
  Budget Advisory Committee Ordinance Discussion
  Board and Commission Appreciation Night/Gift Discussion
  Citizen of the Year Selection Discussion

February 1  Study Session & Regular Meeting
  Arapahoe County Commissioners
  RTD District Representatives
  Paseo Lease Agreements
  Civic Center Facility Discussion (Executive Session)

February 8  Council Goal Setting Session (Feasibility)
  LTAR Discussion
  Financial Policies

February 16  Study Session & Regular Meeting
  EMRF/Shea Properties Discussion (Executive Session)
  Financial Report
  EEF & EMRF Discussion

February 22  Council Goal Setting Session (The Decision)

February 29  Study Session & Regular Meeting
  Fiscal Health & Wellness Model
  OpenGov

March 7  No Meeting
  NLC Conference – tentative

March 14  Study Session
Englewood Forward Comp Plan
Code Enforcement Discussion

March 21  Study Session & Regular Meeting
         Financial Report
         Standard Response Protocol (Executive Session)

March 28  No Meeting

April 4   Study Session & Regular Meeting

April 11  Study Session

April 18  Study Session & Regular Meeting
         Financial Report

April 25  Study Session
         Board and Commission Members Reappointment Discussion

FUTURE STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Civic Center
EEF Transactions
EMRF Land Swap
Permitted hours of construction activity, use of public right-of-way, and other construction activities
Standard Response Protocol (Executive Session)
Discussion with Sam Mamet from CML
Englewood Forward Work Session w/ New Council
Joint Meeting with Englewood School District
Trash Hauling Regulations Review
Capital Project Approval Process/Purchasing Policy
Trash Franchise
Code Enforcement (Council Request #156)
Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement
Construction Defects Ordinance
Property/Code Enforcement
Energy Conservation/Green Initiatives
Historic Preservation
Energy Recapture Discussion w/ WWTP
Fleet Discussion
Big Wonderful Outdoor Festival
Federal Representatives Night
State Representatives Night