

In the past couple of years our community has dealt with some difficult challenges. As a community we prioritized, tighten our belts, and increased taxes, approving two bond issues. The City of Englewood received 32 million for a new police station and over 100 million went to our Englewood School District for new buildings. It is clear what we value as we are willing to take on hefty increases in our property taxes and rent payments to fund these projects.

Financially, the City of Englewood dealt with “fiscal cliff” concerns for the past 4 years, which could have required additional tax revenue. With some serious belt tightening and increased oversight, we closed last year with a surplus of \$3.1 million. Council is discussing adding this surplus to our Capital Projects fund to pay for additional asset and infrastructure projects without the need for a tax increase.

While, compared to neighboring communities, our population only increased by a couple of thousand people, everyone is feeling the impact of the increased density that created more traffic, and additional demands on our infrastructure and municipal services. City Council is reviewing charging Impact Fees on new construction so in the future the developer pays these costs.

In our recent community meetings, Code Enforcement was at the top of the list. At the March Code Enforcement Advisory meeting the public was assured that Code Enforcement takes a proactive approach in enforcing our laws. You are encouraged to call the Code Enforcement division of our police department 303-762-2335, to report concerns you have or file issues online at englewoodco.gov by clicking the “My Englewood” button. You can also contact your elected City Council member for information or to bring an issue forward.

Finally, our community’s compassion and generosity is unmatched when it comes to providing care and service to the homeless, aging, disabled and the poor in Englewood. With numerous organizations like Café 180, H.O.P.E, and Meals on Wheels providing meals along with more than 20 churches most of which provide some meal and food bank services, our families and neighbors work hard to address hunger in our community. Housing is a priority as well. With the completion of another 111 units at Broadway Lofts, the Englewood Housing Authority provides more than 700 units of low income, Section 8 and senior housing.

We may be a small city but we have a big heart. It is my privilege to serve this community.

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