CITY MANAGER’S NOTES
March 21, 2019

Upcoming Council Meetings

City Council will meet on **Monday, March 25, 2019.** A Study Session will be held at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

City Council will meet on **Monday, April 1, 2019.** A Study Session will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. The Regular Meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Informational Items

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

1. Englewood Herald: DeGette Talks Politics with Englewood High School Students
2. Englewood Herald: Englewood’s Barnhouse Tap Aims to Redefine Broadway
3. Westword: Chop Shop Casual Urban Eatery Will Open Third Restaurant in Englewood
4. Denver 7: Pet Therapy Animals Bring Smiles to Faces of Patients at Craig Hospital
5. Press Release: SBDC’s Leading Edge Business Program Heading to Englewood
6. Calendar of Events
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Congresswoman doesn’t shy away from Trump, immigration

Englewood High School students didn’t need a trip to Washington, D.C., to get a taste of Congress. Congress came to them.


The congresswoman didn’t take long to begin talking about her immigration priorities, telling the story of a refugee who came north through Mexico to escape dangers of human trafficking.

“She saw the hope of the United States to give a better future for her children,” said DeGette, who identified herself during the talk as a “progressive Democrat.”

She also didn’t shy away from President Donald Trump, climate change and gun regulation. DeGette mentioned her oversight power in Congress over the federal government in examining Trump’s policy of separating families at the U.S.-Mexico border.

“I held their feet to the fire,” DeGette told the audience.

She then mentioned a new effort in Congress to protect undocumented immigrants who qualify for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals — a policy started under President Barack Obama — and those currently under a federal program called Temporary Protected Status.

Students in the audience showed their political knowledge, asking questions about the “green new deal,” a controversial effort to invest in clean-energy jobs and to push for a wider economic safety net.
DeGette talked at further length about her stance on immigration during the question-and-answer session, saying immigrants contribute tax revenue to the economy and that the country doesn't have enough people who will fill jobs in sectors like agriculture and landscaping.

“We're a nation of immigrants,” DeGette said. “Unless you're a Native American, you (came from) immigrants.”

Toward the end of the event, a student asked how the country should address gun violence in schools.

“I think we need a bill to ban assault weapons,” DeGette said, noting Columbine High School is in her district. “I really believe we need a red-flag law to confiscate guns from the mentally unstable.”

DeGette's area, Colorado's 1st Congressional District, includes Denver, Englewood, Sheridan, Cherry Hills Village, Bow Mar and unincorporated areas west of Littleton, such as Columbine.
Englewood's Barnhouse Tap bar aims to 'redefine Broadway'

Local owners want businesses to foster 'community spirit' on thoroughfare

Jason Sakry, left, and Dagan Thomas stand March 7 in front of the mural on the side of Barnhouse Tap, a bar at 4361 S. Broadway in Englewood. The bar, which opened in December, hopes to establish itself as a go-to place for the surrounding neighborhood.

Ellis Arnold

Picture a lower South Broadway in Englewood where pedestrians leisurely walk and bike, a farmer's market doles out food in an open lot, art covers more building walls and a rooftop patio shows patrons mountain views.

That vision isn't complete yet, but Jason Sakry and Dagan Thomas say they've taken a dead patch on South Broadway and given it life again.

"We'd love to have Englewood influence on the Broadway renewal," said Sakry, a former Englewood Schools Board of Education member. "We just want to encourage local businesses and community members to redefine Broadway as the renewal moves south from Denver."

The wave of redevelopment can be a good thing for the neighborhood, argues Sakry, an Englewood resident who co-owns a multi-unit business property on the 4300 block of South Broadway, near Quincy Avenue.

"We met on the school board," said Thomas, also a former board member and Englewood resident. "We jokingly said, 'Hey, what if we developed a block?'"

The rest, it appears, is history in motion: The two started Working Capital, a property management company that owns the building where they opened Barnhouse Tap, a bar on the long stretch of Broadway south of Hampden Avenue that's home to a hodgepodge of businesses.
But the local partners hope they can forge a neighborhood identity on the block just a mile south of the downtown Englewood area of Broadway, where new bars and restaurants have redefined the face of the historic 3400 block.

And their first stab at that goal keeps in mind what Sakry called the atmosphere of “a small town surrounded by the big city.”

“We want businesses to foster that community spirit — neighbors meeting neighbors,” said Sakry, 41, as opposed to establishments that serve the passing traffic. “We want to encourage people to spend time at a place (with) face-to-face connection.

“It’s been cool to see how many of our customers live within a few blocks,” Sakry said.

The bar’s building materials themselves carry a sense of community. Sakry’s friend in Minnesota had a barn, and Sakry, Thomas and a team helped tear it down over two months and took materials back to Englewood. The wood at Barnhouse Tap comes from that barn, and the tin on the bar and patio once was the barn’s roofing.

The sweeping, barn-themed mural on the side of the building — easily among the most notable features of Broadway for miles around — also comes with an added thrust of meaning. It’s a nod to “embrace that Englewood is an art town,” Thomas, 41, said. Along with murals on the other side of Broadway, the partners hope the block can keep “battling beige” and liven up the thoroughfare.

But they’re also thinking bigger: They aim to contribute to a more pedestrian- and bike-friendly Englewood, hoping to dovetail with potential changes to encourage a more active Broadway corridor.

“We want to make Broadway more walkable again,” Sakry said. “We want an easy and approachable place for Swedish (Medical Center) and Craig (Hospital) workers … bike paths, encouraging more walking.”

He referenced a “healthy corridors” effort by the Urban Land Institute (https://englewoodherald.net/stories/5-things-to-know-citycenter-downtown-redevelopment,276868?), a network of real-estate industry experts that has studied potential for better development in Englewood. A ULI panel gave advice on improving the Broadway corridor, including public improvements like bicycle connections in the downtown area.

“More people are trying to figure out how they can live without cars,” Sakry said, adding he and Thomas are waiting to hear from Lime — once known as LimeBike — a company that has offered bike and electric-scooter rentals. “If people go up and down Broadway on scooters, it feels different. Why couldn’t Englewood be the next up-and-coming spot? We want to inspire that … with people investing in their community.”

For now, kids’ use of the vacant lot next to Barnhouse Tap for throwing football or flying discs is an optimistic sign of the potential for community spirit, Sakry said. If farmers’ markets took place on the lot, that would align with the “healthy corridors” suggestions the ULI discussed about a year ago, Thomas said. And the partners hope for a restaurant, perhaps one interested in a rooftop patio, as a tenant for a part of their building that becomes available later this year.

Some outsiders who decided to drop in to Barnhouse on an early March afternoon were Grant Dawkins, 29, and Katy Robinson, 28, both from Denver. They came for the first time after hearing about the bar from friends who enjoyed it, Robinson said.

“It feels,” Dawkins said, “really homey.”
Chef Clint Wangsnes Targets South Broadway for Third Chop Shop

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One of Denver's best fast-casual success stories over the past few years has been Chop Shop Casual Urban Eatery, which was opened at 4990 East Colfax Avenue by chef Clint Wangsnes and his business partner, Christian Anderson, in 2014. While the original concept of serving white tablecloth cuisine in a counter-service environment seemed daring at the time, especially along a transitional stretch of Colfax, neighbors from Park Hill, Hale and Montclair took to the family-friendly place almost immediately. And Chop Shop followed up with a Lowry outpost in early 2017.
Now Wangsnes says Chop Shop is ready for a third sibling, and he's chosen South Broadway in Englewood for the new location. "We looked all over Denver for more than a year, and we couldn't find anything close to what we wanted," the chef explains.

But then the old Speedy's used car dealership at 3150 South Broadway came to his attention, and the property felt perfect for his restaurant's footprint and an expansive patio for additional seating. "We took over the building last September and got fully permitted two months ago," Wangsnes says.

The old dealership comprised two buildings attached by a breezeway, but the chef says his contractors have already gutted them and popped the roofs, and will connect them into one restaurant space. Construction has been slow because of recent snowstorms, but he expects the pace to pick up and is now targeting mid-May for the opening.

The floor plan will be a cross between the Colfax and Lowry locations, with an order counter in front of an open kitchen and a small dining room. The patio will be weatherized for year-round use and will be much larger than those at the other two Chop Shops.
The address puts the restaurant close to the Gothic Theater and the rest of downtown Englewood, which is experiencing a surge in new restaurants and bars. Wangsnes says part of the reason for choosing the area is because it has been so under-served in years past, and new families in the surrounding neighborhoods are looking for options nearby.

Keith Haddock, who has been at Chop Shop's Colfax location for the past couple of years, will serve as chef de cuisine at the new restaurant. Expect the same menu of upscale beef, chicken and fish dishes, entree-sized salads, and well-made burgers and chicken sandwiches. And since Wangsnes uses sous vide cooking to coax additional flavors out of meats and vegetables, Chop Shop's unbeatable 72-hour Onion Bliss soup will continue to be a draw.
Pet therapy animals bring smiles to the faces of patients at Craig Hospital

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By: Kevin S. Krug, Eric Lupher
Editor's Note: 'Empowering Lives: Stories from Our Colorado' are stories about the challenges the staff at Colorado's renowned Craig Hospital help people overcome every day thanks to the generosity of people like you. The six-week series will culminate in a 'Day of Donation' on Monday, April 8. To learn more about how you can help, visit the 'Empowering Lives: Day of Donation' page to learn more.

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. – It was five years ago when Beth Mathis woke up unable to breathe. She had had a lung hemorrhage and two strokes.

“I had two neurologists tell me that the likelihood of me ever walking again was very little,” she said.

An active mom, horse woman and business owner, Beth spent three months in the hospital unsure of what her future held.

“I was having a hard time finding my new identity and feeling like I was human again because so much had changed for me,” she recalled.

One day, when she says she was at her lowest, her therapist told her to pet a dog that was visiting the therapy room. Suddenly, everything changed.

“For me, the act of scratching the dog and making the dog respond to me, I realized that at that moment I was who I used to be,” Beth said. “I was just different and had to figure out how to let that person out in another way.”

Beth found a way to let that person out with the help of her “Colorado Mountain Dog” – Jack Daniels.

Jack is trained to be her “Balance and Brace” dog when she is standing and walking, but a couple of times every week, the two of them navigate the halls of Craig Hospital together, visiting with staff and patients.

One of their favorite stops is with Sonja, a stroke patient who has challenges very similar to the ones Beth had to overcome.

“I love having him come visit,” Sonja said. “He’s so fluffy.”
Therapeutic recreation specialist Lori Womeldorff says it’s the unconditional love that animals provide that helps them bond with so many patients.

“They don’t care if you can’t maybe pet them because your hands are weak or if you can’t speak to them because you don’t have your voice at the time,” she said.

But for many patients, like Richard who lived in California before coming to Craig, the biggest connection to animals like Jack are that they are simply a reminder of home.

“I miss my dogs so much and I saw him and it just really gives me a good feeling,” Richard said.

With the help of Jack, Beth has found her new purpose in life, helping others whose lives have changed find a path to healing and their own new roads ahead.

“To be able to show people what life looks like a little bit later is really important to me,” Beth said.

Many of the programs at Craig Hospital are not covered by insurance. It’s generous people and organizations who make the programs possible. Denver7 & the Craig Foundation are teaming up for 'Empowering Lives: Day of Donation' on Monday, April 8. Click here to learn more about the programs offered at Craig and how you can donate right now.

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SBDC’S LEADING EDGE™ Business Program Heading to Englewood

The Aurora-South Metro Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is offering the LEADING EDGE™ Strategic Planning Program, Colorado’s premier business planning program and will be held April – May (every other Friday) at the Englewood Civic Center, beginning April 5th, 2019. It is interactive and includes a business planning book and five hours one-on-one consulting. The SBDC is offering a reduced rate of just $295, a savings of $200. Interested entrepreneurs may register at https://www.englewoodco.gov/doing-business/business-training

Take a close look at feasibility, understand the value of a knowing who your customers really are, draft realistic financial projections and discuss the steps toward completing your plan. Receive free confidential one-on-one consulting and a review of your business plan, which will include a fine-tuned marketing plan and financial projections.

Benefits of the workshop

- Exchange ideas with other entrepreneurs
- Receive feedback from class participants
- Engage with the instructor one-on-one
- Hear from professionals
- Motivate yourself and others toward success
- Work together toward fine-tuning your plan

A free info session about the LEADING EDGE™ program is taking place this Thursday, March 21st, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM, at the Englewood Civic Center:

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Details about this series may be found at www.englewoodco.gov/doing-business/business-training. For more information, please contact Darren Hollingsworth at (303)762-2599
TENTATIVE
STUDY SESSIONS TOPICS
FOR ENGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL

March 25  Study Session
City Center Update
Budget Kickoff – Revenue Projections
CEAC proposed updates
Council Policy Manual

April 1   Study Session
Smoke and Vape-Free Parks Proposal
Short Term Rental-Brief Update

April 1   Regular Meeting

April 8   Study Session
Emergency Management
Budget Process – Community Visioning

April 15  Study Session
Board and Commission reappointment discussion
Refinancing 2009 Water Bonds
Board and Commission Handbook

April 15  Regular Meeting

April 22  Study Session
Budget Process – Capital Projects
Trash Hauling

April 29  5th Monday – no meeting scheduled

May 6    Study Session
Ethics policy
Proposed Snow and Ice Ordinance

May 6    Regular Meeting

May 11   Proposed Budget Workshop

May 13   Citizen of the Year Celebration

May 20   Study Session

May 20   Regular Meeting

May 27   Memorial Day – City Offices Closed

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FUTURE STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Board & Commission Presentations
Home Rule Charter Amendment Discussion
Home Rule Charter Review
Metroplex – flight plan update
Elected Representatives – legislative evening

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