City Manager Report for June 26, 2020

CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE
• Council Meeting Schedule - https://www.inglewoodco.gov/home/showdocument?id=26767
• Council Request 0100 (Sierra) - https://englewoodgov.civicweb.net/document/91304 - Closing of Broadway

CITY CLERK
• A second Public Consumption Area has been approved on South Broadway (sidewalks only from Lehigh Ave. to Radcliff Ave.) as requested by Barnhouse Tap

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
• Downtown Plan Review and Comment
  o City Council is encouraged to provide comments on the draft Downtown Plan that was included in the meeting materials for the June 22 Council meeting at: info@EnglewoodDowntownMatters.com
  o The plan has been posted for community review and comment (through July 15) at: https://www.inglewoodco.gov/home/showdocument?id=26719
  o The Downtown Matters web site also provides additional background for the project at: https://www.inglewoodco.gov/government/inglewood-downtown-matters
  o Community members who cannot access the plan via the internet may contact Dan Poremba at 303-762-2366 for a printed copy
• Short Term Rentals
  o Four short term rental (STR) applications are currently under review by Community Development staff
• Englewood Trolley Ridership
  o Daily ridership for the past three weeks:
    - June 1: 279
    - June 2: 245
    - June 3: 286
    - June 4: 269
    - June 5: 263
    - June 8: 255
    - June 9: 235
    - June 10: 254
    - June 11: 255
    - June 12: 287
    - June 15: 289
    - June 16: 243
    - June 17: 281
    - June 18: 247
    - June 19: 248
• Citizen Planning School
  o Community Development is targeting mid-September for the resumption of the Citizen Planning School (depending on COVID-19 related social distancing requirements).
• The City has received a number of thank you notes for the COVID-19 Small Business Support and Recovery Grant (see attachments).
HUMAN RESOURCES

- Administrative Policy Manual Review – rolled out two new policies; Telecommuting and Alternative Work Schedule
- Compensation Study – received the completed data this week; next steps – review with City Manager, then with Directors to make decisions on any needed adjustments
- EPBA negotiation has successfully ended and will go to Council in July for review
- Benefits – reviewing COE strategic plan on benefits costs; having conversations with broker regarding benefits and technology practices

PARKS, RECREATION, LIBRARY AND GOLF

Parks
- Basketball overlay project. Cushing and Centennial have been resurfaced. Centennial should be completed this week. Romans, Bates and Jason next on the list.
- Evaluating all of our Ash Trees and updating tree plotter software system. Removed targeted Ash trees in preparation for Emerald Ash Borer arrival. 7 ash trees removed from Cushing and 1 from Centennial
- Second round of nature safe fertilizer was put down this week on all athletic fields and high profile areas at Englewood’s Finest, Belleview, Centennial/Rockies, Bates Logan, ERC, Miller and Cushing.
- Rockies Ballfields, Englewood’s Finest and Pirates Cove have been over seeded this week.
- Crews planted several Arbor Day Sale trees which did not sell this week. New tree locations include: Police/Fire (1), Miller (1), Centennial (4), Emerson (2), Service Center (2), Jason (1), Romans (1), Broken Tee Nursey (12 planned next week)
- Parks applied for a field test through Rainbird. Only 21 sites were chosen in the country. Englewood was selected and will be given a free LXME irrigation controller. Roughly a $3000 savings for the department.

Recreation
- Fields are reopened and fully booked, some fields 12 hours a day. Groups of 25 or less per field for practices, clinics, and inter-league scrimmages; games are now allowed.
- Staff is working through the logistics of opening Farm and Train. Unfortunately, the Farm will not open for the summer. Some part time staff are not returning due to COVID, and uncertainty of COVID transmission from animals to humans or vice versa has been a concern of animal handlers. Staff is working with Tri County health to have the Train opened for the remainder of the summer. We hope to know by next week if Tri County approves the Trains re-opening.
- ERC and Malley are open! We are seeing members slowly return to both locations. Staff is working in conjunction with custodial staff to keep the facilities clean and sanitized.
  - First week visit counts:
    ERC 511
    Malley 191

Aquatics
- Pirates Cove is open! Almost all of the 150 open spots are full during each timeslot. Reservations are required. Residents can reserve 3 days in advance and Non-Residents 2 days in advance.
Library—Curbside and Digital
- All available Curbside Pickup appointments were booked this week. We’ve done over 800 pickups so far, and are looking to expand this service next week in response to sustained demand.
- Downloadable e-books and audiobooks continue to be very popular, so we increased the budget for Hoopla and we’re increasing our purchasing in Overdrive to try to keep up.
- The return of regular courier service means we are circulating a significantly higher number of items than we were in weeks past, and we’ve also been filling holds with a lot of new items that are once again arriving from our vendors.

Summer Reading
- Storytime in the Park hit its maximum registration in less than 48 hours.
- All available Take and Makes (50 again this week) have been scooped up by our patrons.
- Summer Reading prize distribution information went out to families this week.

Adult Programming
- Books in the Piazza had another successful session. Outdoor book clubs are here to stay (while the weather permits, at least).
- We are planning how to offer one-on-one virtual tech help appointments starting in July.

Miscellaneous
- Celebrated the graduation of four of our Library Associates, who all received Master’s in Library Science degrees from the University of Denver. Congratulations to Angie Candelaria, Muhl Heller-Wallace, Rosalie Munk and Christina Hughes!

COMMUNICATIONS
IN THE NEWS
- Suspect fleeing police crashes into parked car in Englewood neighborhood
- Road-rage car crash damages Englewood police headquarters
- Bicyclist killed in Englewood hit-and-run; residents asked to check security footage for suspect truck
- Englewood toasts relaxed rules: Public alcohol consumption now allowed downtown
- Former Englewood officer in Highlands Ranch sexual contact case
- Englewood woman speaks out after her dog was fed fish hooks hidden in meat
- Running list: Denver gyms that are permanently closed in the wake of the coronavirus
- Arts community has shows and sad news

FACEBOOK
- Frame De Art mentioned the City of Englewood in their posts this week:
  - June 24, 2020 – Chester Frames
  - June 23, 2020 – Bert Gillette
  - June 21, 2020 – Father’s Day
  - June 19, 2020 – Father’s Day Sports Team
- Englewood Grand mentioned the City of Englewood in their post this week saying, “It’s a real good day for drinking on the sidewalks in downtown Englewood! City of Englewood, CO - Government Arrow Beauty Denver” To see the post, click here.
• **Englewood Grand** mentioned the City of Englewood in their post this week saying, “‘Colorado laws on alcohol are holdovers from the era of Prohibition. In addition to helping our businesses recover from COVID-19, we think it’s time to bring our liquor laws in line with modern understanding and attitudes towards our great Colorado breweries, distilleries and alcohol-serving establishments,’” said Lewis. We couldn’t agree more. Thank you to Englewood City Manager Shawn Lewis and the whole City of Englewood, CO - Government team for your leadership. This is just one more reason we are so happy to live and work in this community. And thanks to Joseph Rios and Colorado Community Media for covering the great things happening in Englewood. #englewoodisopen
#opencontainerdistrict” To see the post, click [here](#).

**TWITTER**

• **Ben Ollett** mentioned the City of Englewood in their post this week saying, “@NewsEnglewoodCO Fatal hit and run last night in @Englewood - pickup truck vs bicycle. Police are looking for witnesses.” To see the entire thread, click [here](#).

• **Ben Ollett** replied to the City of Englewood saying, “Is it possible to post this somewhere else in addition to Nextdoor?” In response to the EPD Fatal Hit and Run tweet. We replied with, “We have posted it to Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.” To see the entire thread, click [here](#).

• **Taiwan in Denver** mentioned the City of Englewood in their post this week saying, “DG Jerry Chang shares face masks from #Taiwan with Mayor Linda Olson and Presiding Municipal Judge Joe Jefferson at City of Englewood (@NewsEnglewoodCO), expressing support for the city in the fight against the #COVID19 pandemic.” To see the post, click [here](#).

• **Arapahoe County** mentioned the City of Englewood in their response to Douglas County’s tweet regarding the census saying, “You seem pretty smug, DougCo. But ArapCo has friends, many friends, and when it comes to being counted at [http://2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) we’re coming for you. What do you say, friends?! @AuroraGov @CentennialGov @TownofBennett @sheridan_of @CityofLittleton @greenwoodgov @NewsEnglewoodCO” To see the thread, click [here](#).

**EVENTS**

• **Virtual 8th Annual Jeremy Bitner Fallen Officer 5K/10K Run/Walk – June 1 to 30**
  Sign up on our website as if you were participating in person at [www.bitnermemorialfund.org](http://www.bitnermemorialfund.org), and complete your own 5k run/walk or 10k run between June 1 – June 30, 2020. Learn more [here](#).

**WEBSITE**

• [Coronavirus Recovery Center](#)
• [Coronavirus Resource Center](#)

**POLCO**

• 2020 Community Survey Responses: 48
• Polco Subscribers: 472
June 17, 2020

Darren Hollingsworth
Economic Development Manager
1000 Englewood Parkway
Englewood, CO 80110

Dear Mr. Hollingsworth –

We wanted to reach out and thank you and your team for providing our business, along with so many other Englewood businesses, with the COVID-19 Small Business Support and Recovery Grant!

KidstoothDoc has been open in Englewood since 2013. Our mission has been to provide high quality pediatric dental care to underserved communities. Our pediatric dentists and staff have seen thousands of children and developed many strong relationships with families in the greater Englewood community. We also participate in community outreach and have had a close relationship with the Englewood Recreation Center and sponsored many of their child-related events. We also work with Englewood elementary schools to provide oral health presentations in the classrooms.

With the advent of this terrible pandemic, Governor Polis requested dental offices to close on March 18 in order to preserve desperately needed personal protection equipment. We were still available to see emergency cases over the ensuing seven weeks – and there were quite a few of those!

Since we were able to reopen on May 11, we have implemented a number of strict protocols to ensure the safety of our patients, their families and our staff. Obviously these changes all come with a pretty significant financial costs – we are scheduling fewer patients in order to maintain social distancing and we have much higher expenses related to PPE and sanitizing products. Most insurance companies, including Medicaid, are not providing any additional reimbursement for these additional expenses so your grant filled a large financial hole created by COVID-19!

We thank you again and really appreciate the work you do for the City of Englewood!

Brian Fox
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Brittany Garcia
June 17, 2020

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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Englewood Arts, thank you very much for the generous COVID-19 Reopening and Marketing Grant of $500. Your support is deeply appreciated by board our of trustees and staff.

Englewood Arts was founded in 2000, through the efforts of the Englewood Cultural Arts Commission and the City of Englewood. Since then, we have provided arts enrichment and education programs to thousands of area residents. Although the virus pandemic has diminished the activities of our programs, we remain committed to our mission and are doing as much as possible to maintain our presence in the community.

Thanks again for the grant.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Eric Bertoluzzi, Executive Director
Dear Nancy:

Thank you for approving a grant to help with my business through this uncertain time. I appreciate the support and the members who lease from me are thankful for the financial assistance I've extended their way. When the Governor opens us back up for business, I'd like to invite you to look at our facility and the many members who make this their livelihood. Stay safe and healthy until we meet in person,

Thanks again,

[Signature]

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