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# *Council Newsletter*

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## CITY MANAGER'S NOTES

May 28, 2015

### Upcoming Council Meetings

City Council will meet **Monday, June 1, 2015**. The Study Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. The Regular meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sandwiches will be available at 5:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be **Monday, June 8, 2015**. The Board and Commission Interviews will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room.

### Informative Memoranda

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

1. The Villager articles regarding The Future of the City Center, The Urban Appeal of a 'New Hip' Englewood, The Final Contract with Denver Fire, and Englewood Schools New Superintendent
2. YourHub article highlighting the Englewood Veterans Memorial at Englewood High School and two local weekend Arts Concerts
3. Letter of Appreciation from the Arapahoe County Commissioners including 12 sponsored Dinner Tickets for the 2015 Arapahoe County Fair - Boots, Not Suits Kick-Off Dinner - Scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup>
4. Calendar of Events
5. Tentative Study Session Topics



### News from the Parks and Recreation Department

#### **Parking Lot Garage Sale Saturday, June 20**

The Malley Senior Recreation Center will be hosting its annual Parking Lot Garage Sale on Saturday, June 20, 8am-2pm. This is an opportunity for community members to "rent" a parking space, bring their garage sale items, set up and sell. This event is popular as all 44 available parking spaces are rented and the event is more than 3 weeks away. For shoppers, it's a chance to find a lot of treasures.



Although once touted as Englewood's new-urban, mixed-use epicenter on the site of the former Cinderella City, the light-rail hub that houses city offices and neighboring apartments has never cut muster on its promise of retail and restaurants.

"It's an area that should be producing much more liveliness and livelihood for people," said City Councilwoman Linda Olson during a forum at last week's Englewood Business Summit. "... The design that was set up originally hasn't quite come to strong fruition."

Most of the retail space in the area adjacent the city offices and library remains vacant a decade after the City Center's debut. Even two of its most longstanding tenants – the Cuttn it Loose hair salon and the nonprofit Englewood Community Center – are vacating the beleaguered development. Blondie's Firehouse, the city's next-door neighbor and the only restaurant in the immediate area, is a bar that some say has become known for its unruly spillover.

With news of recently rising rents chasing away whatever tenants are left at the center, Councilman Joe Jefferson said he is concerned that the property owner may be more interested in tax write-offs than community investment.

"I've heard ... they're so profitable in other regions that here they're sort of willing to take a loss and write off some of their earnings on other developments," he said. "I hope we can begin a dialogue with them because we need them to partner with us, to understand we're not the community where you take your tax breaks."

Councilman Steve Yates said some sort of anchor attraction is ultimately what the development needs to foster the area as attractive to both lease and to rent.

"At that point in time, other businesses around here will be able to flourish," he said.

To help facilitate such change, councilmembers said the city might ultimately need to follow the lead of others and leave the 143,000-square-foot City Center building for smaller, more practical quarters, an idea that has



*Englewood City Councilman Joe Jefferson, right, says the city should partner with other property owners in the Englewood City Center to help get more leases in the near-vacant mixed-use development. Mayor Randy Penn, left, cautioned that the city could not control the actions of private business.*

*Photo by Peter Jones*

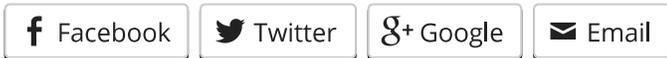
been floated recently by City Manager Eric Keck.

Councilman Rick Gillit called the building Englewood's least-effective asset.

“We don't produce anything out of here, yet we take up a lot of space,” he said. “This could be redeveloped into something else that could bring vibrancy into our community.”

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**editorial**

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*Brad Segal, president of Denver's Progressive Urban Management Associates, says Englewood is well positioned to serve the emerging Millennial generation. He spoke last week at the city's annual Business Summit.*

*Photo by Peter Jones*

## ***Consultants say walkable city well suited for Millennials***

**By Peter Jones**

As emerging Millennials take hold in the worlds of life, work and play, Englewood will be particularly well suited to serve this youngest of adult generations.

That is according to the municipal consultants who spoke last week at the Englewood Business Summit, an annual meeting of the minds for the city, its businesses and civic activists from across the south metro area.

According to Brad Segal, president of Denver's Progressive Urban Management Associates, Englewood offers a range of attractive features for an age group that will constitute 50 percent of the nation's workforce by 2020.

"Cities, including yours, are increasingly competing for young skilled workers," Segal told the room of business leaders at the Englewood City Center on May 14. "As the economy changes, as we come out of the recession, it's that 20-to-35 group that really has the skillset of where the economy is going right now."

Segal said Englewood, an older inner suburb bordering Denver, offers a range of amenities – from walkable mixed-use neighborhoods to parks and trails – that have proven attractive to health and lifestyle-conscious Millennials.

*Englewood has received a "walk score" of 55 in comparison to Denver's 56. Urban experts say the city's walkability is one of the factors that make it appealing to Millennials, who will become 50 percent of the workforce within five years.*  
*File photo*

Add to that Englewood's health care cluster anchored by Swedish Medical Center and Segal thinks the city has a ready-made marketing angle.

"We think Englewood is uniquely positioned to be a healthy community, if you will," Segal said. "The way your streets are in grid, the way your parks are laid out – you can really connect those well with an active-living network of biking and walking."

Such factors are coming into play as Englewood continues work on its comprehensive plan for coming decades. Bruce Meighen, a principal with Logan Simpson Design, a city contractor, said Englewood is ahead of the curve when it comes to the new-urban housing trend that has incorporated mixed-use features with bike trails, public transportation and a sense of community.

"You have real blocks, real neighborhoods," Meighen said of Englewood. "You have parks at the center. You have community gardens. In the future, people are going to be seeking out those places. In many places like Stapleton, they had to recreate that."

North Englewood, in particular, with the City Center, the light-rail station and a free shuttle to the hospital complex, South Broadway and nearby neighborhoods, may be of particular interest to Millennials, who Segal says eschew materialism and personal cars for bike sharing and public transportation.

“They just don’t drive the way we did,” he said. “... Wow, what an opportunity. This is actually one of the more walkable communities in the Denver metro area.”

Segal said Englewood’s “walk score” is 55, in comparison to Denver’s 56. The Englewood City Center area hits 90. Many newer suburban communities, with homeowner associations and less integrated retail and restaurants, score in the 30s.

Much of Englewood’s walkability is tied to South Broadway’s mix of retail and eateries, which include destination restaurants, as well as a popular microbrewery. Segal said the thoroughfare is not simply a north-south arterial, but a vital part of Englewood’s adjacent residential neighborhoods.

Although some longtime residents in the crossfire may be reticent to a potentially new and “hipper” Englewood, Segal said it will be a matter of economic survival for the city to serve a younger and determined constituency.

“If the community wants to have jobs, if the community wants to have disposable income, you’ve got to have that age group,” he said.

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*Englewood firefighters sit quietly in the back of the City Council chambers during the final vote to contract emergency services with Denver.*

*Photos by Tom Barry*

## ***'A new day' for fire services***

**By Tom Barry**

The fate of the 106-year-old Englewood Fire Department has been officially sealed.

On May 18, City Council, in a 5-to-2 vote, approved a contract for emergency services with the City and County of Denver. The Denver City Council unanimously passed the agreement the next day

That means Denver Fire and Denver Health will officially take over the reins of Englewood's fire and rescue departments on Monday, June 1, in a transition that has already begun. The intergovernmental agreement will provide fire and emergency medical services to Englewood residents and businesses.



*A badge worn proudly by one of Englewood's firefighter paramedics.*

"I really want to thank you all for what you've been through the last – actually several years," said Mayor Pro

Tem Linda Olson, thanking the eight firefighters who sat quietly in the back of the council chambers. “I really appreciate the difficulties that you have been through ... for your service, and your continued willingness to serve by signing up and going forward into the Denver department. I hope to see some of you back.”

Councilmembers who opposed the contract said the decision should have been left to Englewood’s voters.

“This is the most economic way to deliver this service to our citizens. It’s the most cost-effective way, but again, I felt this should have been voted on by the citizens,” said Councilman Joe Jefferson, who joined Rick Gillit in opposition.

The council’s decision came after years of arguable neglect and recent studies favoring the contract model. The relatively new City Manager Eric Keck had pushed the council for a timely decision on the controversial issue.

“We are going to have highly competent and responsive fire and EMS services,” Keck said. “I understand the emotional response and attachment to our current fire department and I share the admiration for the work that everyone has done with Englewood, but this is a new day and I think that people will be just as pleased with the resources and the responsiveness of this agreement with Denver.”

In an interview after the vote, Keck told *The Villager* it had been an issue of financial sustainability.

“Englewood’s fire department was no longer financially sustainable, nor a feasible model,” he said.

Englewood had a \$9.1 million expense in operating expenses for emergency services last year.

The initial contract will cover the remaining seven months of the calendar year, costing the city \$3.6 million. A majority of the funds will be utilized for capital projects. Next year, Englewood will fork out around \$5.4 million for emergency services. Keck has budgeted a 3-percent increase for upcoming years.

“In my opinion, the efficiencies and effectiveness will appear seamless to most,” said Laura Herblan, Englewood’s acting fire chief and fire marshal. “The fire and EMS service relationships are built on traditions, with a distinct dedication to serve. Moving forward, this will be the basis for working cooperatively into the future and ultimately will be an asset for years to come.”

Englewood had been in a race against the clock, as all current Englewood firefighters making the move to Denver will now be able to transition to Denver at the Firefighter I level, meaning that in two years they will be eligible to test for higher-level positions, per Denver Civil Service stipulations.

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## Englewood Schools taps new superintendent *Chatfield principal entering contract negotiations*

**BY PETER JONES**

**STAFF WRITE**

Villager

The principal at Chatfield High School in south Jefferson County is poised to become the new superintendent for Englewood Schools, the Board of Education announced last week.

Wendy Rubin will take the position pending contract negotiations, having beat out three other finalists culled from a field of 23 applicants.

“On behalf of the board, I want to thank all those who participated in focus groups and advisory interview committees. The input was highly valuable to our process,” Board President Duane Tucker said in the board’s May 15 announcement.

Prior to becoming Chatfield’s principal, Rubin worked as a principal and assistant principal in both the Jefferson County and Aurora school districts. She replaces Brian Ewert, who takes over as Littleton Public Schools’ superintendent next month.

Englewood’s search began this spring, after Ewert had announced his resignation, when the board contracted with the Colorado Association of School Boards to lead the process.

Last month, the organization held a series of focus groups involving about 50 members of the Englewood community, including residents, parents, teachers, staff and administrators. Two advisory committees interviewed the finalists and advised the board.

The board hopes the new district leader will start July 1.

## Englewood Veterans Memorial at high school reminder of sacrifice

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ENGLEWOOD —It's been decades, but veterans Ralph Whitlock and Paul Skizinski both still vividly remember their time in the U.S. Navy.

It is for the sake of honoring veterans like them — and the stories they have to share — that Englewood resident Kay Woodward Howard and a network of friends, veterans, local organizations and businesses raised the money for the Englewood Veterans Memorial on the grounds of Englewood High School, 3800 S. Logan St.

The monument is 3 tons of Colorado rose granite engraved with the service seals of America's five military branches and the message "They served to protect our freedom." Whitlock and Skizinski were on the guest list for the formal dedication.

Howard hopes the memorial (installed near the school's southwest entrance in December) will be a treasured part of the city for years to come.

"I don't want to forget," said Howard, an Englewood High graduate. "That's why we have monuments: To remember what they did."

Whitlock, 88, [has shared his memories](#) with historians in Douglas County, where he lives.

He was 17 when he volunteered for World War II and was assigned to the destroyer escort USS Halloran, a ship he was aboard when it was involved in battles including Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

On June 21, 1945, Whitlock remembered, the Halloran was struck by the remnants of a kamikaze plane that was shot down and exploded 75 feet from the side of the ship, killing four men. Unhurt, Whitlock helped a gravely wounded shipmate before going for help.

"I come in and corpsman says, 'Where you hit, Whitlock?' And I said, 'I'm not.' He says, 'You're crazy Whitlock! Where are you hit?'" the veteran recalled. "That's when I realized I was covered in blood just from handling the guy."

Skizinski, 74, enlisted in 1964. His passion for photography led to a post reviewing intelligence photographs from reconnaissance planes for the Navy. During one of three tours of duty during Vietnam, he was assigned to the aircraft carrier [USS Forrestal](#). On July 29, 1967, the Forrestal was rocked by explosions. Skizinski later found out an electrical malfunction caused a rocket to fire from a plane on the deck, causing a chain reaction of explosions and fire that claimed 134 lives.

"Ultimately, I spent time pulling body bags out of the holes in the deck," Skizinski said. "I'll never forget the men of the Forrestal."

Howard initiated efforts to build the veterans memorial in her hometown three years ago. She received a huge boost from fellow 1959 Englewood High School graduate and retired Air Force Col. Douglas Hole, who, she said, donated \$20,000 toward the estimated \$48,000 cost.

She recently joined the board of [Englewood Historical Preservation Society](#) (Skizinski is vice president) and said she hopes to organize annual Memorial Day events at the high school as well as look into ways to preserve local veterans' stories at the city's library.

The monument tells stories, too. It is surrounded by red, stone pavers engraved with the names of veterans. Retired Englewood High history teacher Daniel Barber, who was awarded a Purple Heart after being wounded in Vietnam, is there, as is Army Cpl. Brandon M. Kirton, a 2004 EHS alumnus killed in action in Afghanistan in 2011.

Englewood Mayor Randy Penn's brother, Army Sgt. Edwin Allen Penn, was killed in Vietnam in 1968 and is remembered at the monument.

Englewood High Principal Jon Fore worked with Howard to incorporate the monument into the school's [recent major remodeling project](#), calling it an important, symbolic link between the students and the community. He was in the Marines for six years, and owns a paver, as well.

"The word 'sacrifice' comes to mind," Whitlock said of the memorial. "Whether they were in combat or not, all of them sacrificed."

*Joe Rubino: 303-954-2953, j*

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### **In memoriam**

To read the stories of some of Englewood's veterans, visit [facebook.com/englewoodhighschoolmilitarymemorial](https://facebook.com/englewoodhighschoolmilitarymemorial).

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## Featured Event

### Saturday 30

**Daniella Katzir.** At 2 p.m. at Englewood Public Library, 1000 Englewood Parkway, singer-songwriter Daniella Katzir will perform original folk songs on guitar and ukulele. Admission is free. To learn more, call 303-762-2650

**Englewood Arts Concert.** Cuban violinist Andrés Cárdenes and the Silver Ainomäe Ensemble will perform Strauss at Hampden Hall in the Englewood Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway. The concert is at 2 p.m. and tickets are available at the box office one hour in advance. They are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for seniors and free for ages 18 and younger.

## Lindsay von Colditz

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**From:** Haley McKean  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2015 10:42 AM  
**To:** Council  
**Cc:** Lindsay von Colditz; Nancy Doty  
**Subject:** Thank you from Arapahoe County!

Dear Englewood Councilmembers:

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, I want thank you so much for your commitment to a \$500 Friends Sponsorship for the **2015 Boots, Not Suits Kick-Off Dinner at the Arapahoe County Fair**. We are honored that City of Englewood has chosen again to partner with Arapahoe County for this event!

Your dinner sponsorship entitles you to **12 tickets to the kick-off dinner**, which include general admission and a parking pass to the Fair on July 23, along with a full-course dinner, dessert and beverages. Your organization also will be recognized as a sponsor on all print and electronic materials for the event.

Your tickets and parking passes will arrive by mail in June. We truly appreciate the City's continued support, and look forward to seeing you at the Fair. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you!

**Haley McKean** | Communication Services Specialist II  
Arapahoe County Government



**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD  
2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



Mon., June 1	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues., June 2	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room
Wed., June 3	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
Mon., June 8	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
Tues., June 9	5:00 p.m.	Water and Sewer Board, Community Development Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Library Board, Library Board Room
Wed., June 10	6:30 p.m.	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, Field Trip
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
Thurs., June 11	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission, Belleview Park & Pirates Cove Family Aquatic Center
Mon., June 15	5:30 p.m.	Special Session, Community Room/Executive Session, City Council Conference Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues., June 16	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., June 17	6:30 p.m.	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority Special Meeting, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
Mon., June 22	5:30 p.m.	Special Session, Community Room/Executive Session, City Council Conference Room

	6:30 p.m.	Board and Commission Appreciation Event, Englewood Recreation Center
Mon., June 29	<b>Cancelled</b>	Study Session, Community Room
Wed., July 1	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
<b>Fri., July 3</b>		<b>City Hall closed – Independence Day holiday</b>
Mon., July 6	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues., July 7	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., July 8	6:30 p.m.	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
Thurs., July 9	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission, Centennial Park
Mon., July 13	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
Tues. July 14	5:00 p.m.	Water and Sewer Board, Community Development Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Library Board, Library Board Room
Wed., July 15	7:00 p.m.	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
Mon., July 20	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues., July 21	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Mon., July 27	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
Mon., Aug. 3	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers

**TENTATIVE**  
STUDY SESSIONS TOPICS  
FOR ENGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL



June 8	Study Session Board and Commission Interviews
June 15	Special Meeting (5:30 p.m.) & Regular Meeting Executive Session – Real Estate/Personnel RTD Representatives Financial Report (CML Conf. 6/16-19/15 – Breckenridge)
June 22	Special Meeting/Executive Session – Personnel – 5:30 p.m.  Board and Commission Appreciation Night – 6:30 p.m.
June 29	Study Session Charter Question – Special Election Timeframe Restrictions Priority Based Budgeting Update Budget Introduction
July 6	Study Session & Regular Meeting Next Steps Real Estate Development Strategy
July 13	Study Session Code Adoption Next Step Study/Walk & Wheel – Review Draft Documents
July 20	Study Session & Regular Meeting Financial Report 2016 Proposed Budget & Midyear Budget Report
July 27	Study Session
August 3	Study Session & Regular Meeting
August 10	Study Session
August 17	Study Session & Regular Meeting Financial Report
August 24	Study Session
August 31	No meeting scheduled – 5th Monday
September 8	Study Session & Regular Meeting – Tuesday

September 14	Study Session
September 21	Study Session & Regular Meeting Financial Report
September 28	Study Session 2016 Proposed Budget Workshop

## **FUTURE STUDY SESSION TOPICS**

Fire Code Adoption  
Capital Project Approval Process/Purchasing Policy  
Golf Course – Alternative Uses  
Alternative Financing Solutions  
River Run Easement  
Tale of Two Cities presentation: What Can or Should Our City Look Like in the Future?  
Hotel/Motel Regulations  
City Attorney Duties  
Public Smoking Ban  
Bike Paths  
Construction Defects Ordinance  
Citizen of the Year Selection Process  
Recreational Marijuana Options