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Englewood Recreation implements online registration system

In response to growing demand from our recreation participants, Englewood's Parks and Recreation Department now offers web registration for classes and activities. Beginning with the fall session, participants can find classes online, register on-line, and pay online.

The web registration system has been in the planning stages for the last year. Staff has been testing the system over the past few months to make sure the system is operational and easy to use.

You can log on to the registration system directly at www.engagewoodrec.org, or you can access it through the City of Englewood's website.

Once your household is registered with an account, everyone in your home can register online. Details on the process are listed in the fall Recreation Activities Guides and help is available on the registration site.

Users can now register for recreation classes online at www.engagewoodrec.org

Participants can also register and pay for classes using our automated phone-in system, or they can mail, fax, or drop off their registration forms according to the instructions listed in the Activities Guides.

Visit www.engagewoodgov.org for details on the new online registration system.



www.engagewoodrec.org offers online registration.

Election 2007

Coming in early October—Watch for a special election edition of the *Englewood Citizen*, with information on ballot issues, candidate profiles, and election details.

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Jim Woodward
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Message from City Council

It is budget time at City Hall for staff and Council Members with all the stress, anguish and hard work that accompany the task. This will be my fourth and most challenging City budget.

Unfortunately, revenues are not keeping up with expenses, which is not just an Englewood problem but a problem for cities throughout Colorado.

The simplistic solution is to cut expenses, which could have long lasting, and in some cases devastating results. Furthermore, analysis of the historical expense side of our budget through comparison of indexes like the Municipal Cost Index (MCI), the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and looking at revenue and expense charts, shows the problem rests not in runaway expenses but in a revenue shortfall.

Cities in Colorado derive most of their revenue from sales and use tax, 59% in Englewood, another 7.2% from property taxes, and the balance from specific types of taxes, fees, licenses, permits, fines, and recreation revenues. Our current and future finances being reliant on sales and use tax leaves us more vulnerable to the impact of uncontrollable events such as internet sales, economic downturns, huge snow storms, closing of retail establishments, and loss of federal resources.

Council Member McCaslin and I attended the Colorado Municipal League's annual conference this summer. Of the many financial seminars we attended, one was titled "The Future of Municipal Finance." In this seminar we were surprised to see the bleak charts for the future presented by other cities that mirrored the charts we were presented in May at our initial Englewood budget goals retreat. The difference was that the negative numbers on the charts we saw from other cities had started two years earlier than ours.

With the very tough decisions to be made in the next couple of months, we will be concentrating on how to make cuts in expense categories while limiting the impact as much as possible on safety, infrastructure, and the quality of life of our citizens. Additionally, we must focus on how to increase revenues and maintain responsible reserves. While doing this, it is imperative that we see and keep in the forefront the big picture, the direction of our future. I truly believe the greatest challenges create the greatest opportunities.

How can you help? Patronize our local businesses.

Englewood City Council



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Mayor
At Large



Jim Woodward
Mayor Pro Tem
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District 3



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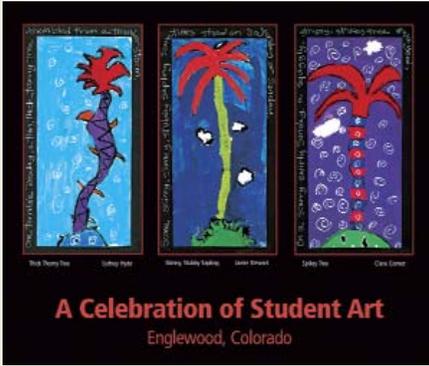


Wayne Oakley
District 4



Ray Tomasso
District 1

Englewood City Council Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month. The meetings are open to the public, and interested parties are welcome and invited to attend. If you plan to attend a meeting, and you have a disability requiring auxiliary aids or services, please notify the City of Englewood (303-762-2405) at least 48 hours in advance of when the services are needed.



2008 Calendar Student Art Contest

Deadline: Friday, September 28

Each year, the City of Englewood holds a student art contest to determine the artwork that will be included in the following year's calendar. The student art contest is open to all students (K-12) who live or go to school in Englewood. The deadline for this year's contest is Friday September 28. Entry forms and details on the contest are available on our website (www.Englewoodgov.org) or at the Englewood Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway.

Englewood Calendar Art Top 50 Exhibit

October 24 - November 19

Please join us for an
Artists' Reception
Thursday, October 25
5:30 to 6:30 pm

Special presentation at 6 pm

Englewood Civic Center
2nd Floor Atrium, 1000 Englewood Pkwy.

Sponsored by the City of Englewood, the
Museum of Outdoor Arts, and the
Englewood Cultural Arts Commission.

Special programs at the Library

The Library invites you to enjoy these free upcoming programs sponsored by the Friends of the Library:

Getting Started with Genealogy
with James Jeffrey

Saturday, September 29
10:30 am to 12:30 pm

George Perrin Room
This program offers a guide for beginners who are interested in researching their family tree.

**Chocolate & Tea Therapy:
Live Longer, Be Happy**
with Julie Pech & Judy Williams

Monday, October 29 6:30 to 9 pm
Ernie Anderson Room
Join Judy Pech, author of *The Chocolate Therapist* and Judy

Williams, the "Tea Lady," as they discuss the benefits of chocolate and tea to your health. *The Chocolate Therapist* book will be available for purchase, and there will be free chocolate samples!



Julie Pech, author of *The Chocolate Therapist*.

Mark your calendars for the next Travel Program on Wednesday, November 7 – Truckin' Along: 37 Days from Cairo to Istanbul with Bill Clayton and his travel buddy, Dennis Weber. Visit www.Englewoodgov.org for details.

BOOK SALE

Great deals on great books (and more!)

Friday, September 7
Saturday, September 8
10 am - 2 pm

Englewood Public Library
1000 Englewood Parkway

Englewood Arts Concert Series

Schubert Octet: Saturday, September 22 ■ 2 pm

Mountain Music Duo: Saturday, October 27 ■ 2 pm



Performances held at Hampden Hall
(2nd floor of the Englewood Civic Center) 1000 Englewood Parkway

Call 303-806-8196 for tickets, reservations, and information.

City faces budget challenges

The City of Englewood faces some significant challenges as City Council and staff work to develop the operating budget for 2008. For the past few years, general fund revenues have remained relatively static while expenses continue to climb. In addition, responding to last winter's heavy snows and repairing the damage they caused to our street system resulted in unexpected and unbudgeted expenditures, which further reduced the City's general fund balance.

There are several development opportunities on the horizon that brighten our future financial

forecast, but those future opportunities may not solve some of our current challenges.

City Council and staff have had numerous discussions on how to address our current budget issues while maintaining City services and fund reserves.

If you have an interest in the City's budget process, we invite you to attend the upcoming public hearing on Monday, September 17 (see details to the right). A draft budget overview will be available on our website prior to the public hearing.

The public is invited to share ideas, comments, and suggestions on the 2008 Budget.

Public Hearing 2008 Budget

City of Englewood

**Monday, September 17
7:30 pm**

Englewood Civic Center

2nd Fl. Council Chambers, 1000 Englewood Pkwy.

www.engagewoodgov.org

Notice to residents regarding suspicious flyers

Englewood's Police Investigations Bureau would like to notify residents of suspicious flyers being distributed to homes throughout Englewood regarding sex offenders moving into the area.

These flyers are not official notices. They are being distributed by a company that receives payments to provide sex offender registry information.

All sex offenders are required to register with local law enforcement jurisdictions. Records can be obtained for free on-line through the Colorado Bureau of Investigations' website (<http://sor.state.co.us>) where you can search, locate, and print your findings.

The Englewood Department of Safety Services also maintains a complete list of registered sex

offenders that live in the City of Englewood. Residents may obtain a copy of this report from the Englewood Police Records counter at the Safety Services Complex, located at 3615 South Elati Street in Englewood. The Records Division is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm (holidays excepted). The cost for a copy of the report is \$3.00.

FREE first-time Homebuyer Workshops

Wednesday, September 19
5:30 - 9:30 pm

Saturday, November 3
9 am - 2 pm

Englewood Civic Center ■ 2nd Floor Community Room ■ 1000 Englewood Parkway

Please pre-register: To register for the September 19 workshop, call Colorado Housing Assistance Corp at 303-572-9445. To register for the November 3 workshop, call Consumer Credit Counseling at 303-632-2202 or visit their website: www.crediteducation.org. For general information on the classes, call 303-762-2349.

Mark your calendars!

Malley Center Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 3
9 am - 4 pm

Attention Artisans: Registration begins September 12 for residents; September 26 for non-residents. See your fall *Activities Guide* or call 303-762-2317 for details.

Vandermee named Acting Director of Safety Services

Deputy Director of Safety Services Tom Vandermee has been named Acting Director of the Department following the resignation of former Director Chris Olson. Fire Division Chief Mike Pattarozzi has been named Acting Deputy Director of the Department.

Watch for updates in future issues of the *Englewood Citizen* or on our website at www.Englewoodgov.org.

Friendly reminder for cat owners

Most people know that dogs are not allowed to run at large in Englewood, but the Englewood Municipal Code also prohibits cats from running at large and creating a nuisance such as using neighboring yards as litter boxes or using neighbors' trees and shrubs as scratching posts.

Please be considerate of your neighbors.

The **Englewood Citizen** newsletter is published every other month by the City of Englewood to provide residents and businesses with news and information about the City. If you have questions or comments, call the City Manager's Office at 303-762-2316. The newsletter is available in alternative format upon request.

Visit us online: www.Englewoodgov.org
or e-mail us: info@Englewoodgov.org

October 7-13 is Fire Prevention Week

Have you planned your escape?

Fire safety is important throughout the year, but each year firefighting agencies across the country set aside the second week in October as "Fire Prevention Week."

Englewood's Fire Division wants to make sure residents are aware of the importance of having a fire escape plan in place, and—more importantly, making sure your family knows and practices the plan.

Eighty percent of all fire deaths occur in the home. One of the most important measures you can take to



increase your family's safety during a fire is to have a fire escape plan in place and practice it regularly.

For details on fire escape plans, visit www.Englewoodgov.org or call Toni Geier at 303-762-2490.

Don't take chances with your identity

Englewood Police to host shredding event Saturday, October 27

Englewood Police are holding a document shredding event on Saturday, October 27 aimed at helping curb identity theft. Residents are encouraged to bring documents that could be used by criminals to obtain your identity. The documents will be shredded and disposed of.



The event will take place at Denny Miller Field, 3600 South Elati Street, and is being cosponsored by Crime Stoppers, *Shred It*, and Channel 9.

Event details are still being finalized, so check our website (www.Englewoodgov.org) for information as the date nears.

Graffiti Paint Out

Interested in helping clean up our community? Join other volunteers to help paint over graffiti in our parks, bridges, and other public places.

- **Saturday, September 22 8-11 am**
- **Saturday, October 20 8-11 am**

Contact Community Relations Specialist Toni Geier at 303-762-2490 for details on the Paint Out days.

Alan White accepts post as head of Community Development

Alan White recently joined the City of Englewood's administrative team as Director of the Community Development Department. Mr. White has over 30 years of planning, economic development, and community development experience in Colorado. He comes to Englewood from Wheat Ridge, where he served for nearly ten years as Community Development

Director. Prior to that, he was Chief Long Range Planner for Douglas County, then Planning Director for the Town of Parker.

Mr. White is enthusiastic about his new role. "I'm excited about my new position in Englewood. I'm looking forward to working with the Mayor, Council, the City's Management Team, and staff to



Alan White, Community Development Director

tackle the re-development opportunities and challenges facing the City" said White.

art shuttle to continue operating



The three-year grant funding that has been used to operate the City of Englewood's popular *art* shuttle ends in September, and for the last several months the City has been in discussions with the Regional Transportation District (RTD) to find a way to continue shuttle operations.

The City and RTD have reached an agreement in principle to keep the shuttle operating free of charge. As this newsletter goes to press, representatives from our organizations are working to finalize the details of the agreement.

Since *art* made its debut in late 2004, the shuttle has consistently exceeded ridership expectations. More than 17,000 people take advantage of the free circulator shuttle each month. *art* transports riders to 19 stops between the light rail station and shops at CityCenter Englewood, businesses in downtown Englewood, and the medical facilities in and near Craig Hospital and Swedish Medical Center.

Visit www.engagewoodgov.org for details on the shuttle agreement.

30-year celebration for Housing Rehab Loan program

Englewood's Housing Rehab Loan Program is celebrating its 30-year anniversary. The City created the program in 1977 to preserve the existing housing stock and to help low-income families finance major household repairs.

Since its inception, the program has provided over 800 loans and grants totaling over \$14.2 million. These loans have helped Englewood

families complete such projects as replacing old furnaces, upgrading electrical service panels, building additions, remodeling projects, and basement finishes.

Last year the income limits were removed and now any homeowner in Englewood, regardless of income,

can apply for a low interest rate loan.

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Housing Rehab Loan applications are currently being accepted. To request an application or to inquire about the program, please call 303-762-2349.

KEB sponsors household hazardous waste drop-off program

Computers and other electronic equipment will be accepted again this year

Keep Englewood Beautiful (KEB) has announced the dates for this year's Household Hazardous Materials Roundup: Saturday, September 8 and Saturday, September 15. KEB hosts the drop-off program each fall to help residents safely dispose of common household materials. (See the box to the right for a list of accepted materials and program details.)

Proof of City of Englewood or City of Littleton residency is required. Hazardous material is limited to residential materials only, with a limit of 10 gallons per vehicle. Co-pays will be charged to help cover the costs of disposal for some of the materials: \$20 for household hazardous materials and \$10 for computer monitors.

Thanks to our sponsors: City of Englewood, City of Littleton, Englewood and Littleton's Firefighters, Safety-Kleen Corporation, and Executive Recycling.

Roundup Details

Dates: September 8 & September 15

Times: 8 am - 2 pm

Location: Englewood Servicenter, 2800 S. Platte River Drive
(three blocks north of Dartmouth west of South Santa Fe Drive)

Household Materials

\$20 co-payment (Limit 10 gallons per household; only residential material accepted.)

Accepted Materials:

- Antifreeze
- Automotive Batteries
- Flammable liquids (gasoline, kerosene, paint thinner)
- Lawn & Garden Chemicals
- Mercury (liquid, thermometers, relays and switches, barometers - no batteries)
- Motor Oil
- Oil-Based Paint (Latex paint not accepted)
- Propane Tanks

Office Equipment

\$10 co-pay per monitor (Other equipment accepted free of charge.) Business and household equipment accepted.

Accepted Materials:

- Cell phones
- Computers
- Copiers (desktop only)
- Fax Machines
- Inkjet and Toner Cartridges
- Laptop Computers
- Monitors (\$10 co-pay per monitor)
- PDAs
- Printers

Utilities Department offers water meter payment plan

Englewood's Utilities Department now offers a payment plan that may make it easier for customers to convert to water meters. Statistics show that most water customers can save money by changing from a flat rate to a metered account. A metered account is based on actual water usage and customers who are conservative with their water usage can recognize savings on a metered account.

It can be costly to purchase and install a water meter, so the Utilities

Department developed this payment plan to help make it easier for customers to convert.

Here's how it works: First, you have the meter installed. The Utilities Department records the cost of the meter and installation. You will continue to receive your quarterly flat rate bill. The flat rate charge will be compared to the metered amount, and all charges above what the metered rate would be are applied to the cost of the meter and installation.

If the fee differential does not cover the cost of the meter and installation within 24 months, you must pay the balance. The entire balance must also be paid if the property changes hands, or if your metered rates are higher than your flat rate charges for a period of 12 months.

Contact our Utilities Department at 303-762-2635 for details on the plan.

Clip and Save!



Upcoming Events

Mon. September 3	HOLIDAY - Labor Day Civic Center/Library/Malley Center/Recreation Center Closed Last day of the season for Pirates Cove and Belleview Park Children's Farm	
Tues. September 4	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center - 2nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Sat. September 8	KEB's Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off 2800 S. Platte River Drive (See page 7 for details.)	8 am - 2 pm
Sat. September 15	KEB's Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off 2800 S. Platte River Drive (See page 7 for details.)	8 am - 2 pm
Mon. September 17	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center - 2nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Fri. September 28	Student Art Contest Deadline for the 2008 Calendar See page 3 for details.	5 pm
Mon. October 1	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center - 2nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Mon. October 15	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center - 2nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Sat. October 27	Annual Halloween Carnival Englewood Recreation Center, 1155 W. Oxford Avenue KEB's Leaf & Tire Drop-Off (visit www.engagewoodgov.org for details)	5 - 8:30 pm
Wed. October 31	Spooktacular Lunch Malley Senior Recreation Center, 3380 S. Lincoln St. Tickets: \$5 (Please note date change from Oct. 10 date listed in Activities Guide)	11:30 am
Sat. November 3	Malley Center Holiday Bazaar (see page 4 for details) KEB's Leaf & Tire Drop-Off (visit www.engagewoodgov.org for details)	9 am - 4 pm
Mon. November 5	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center - 2nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Tues. November 6	Election Day	

Join the fun!
at Englewood Parks & Recreation's

Halloween Carnival

Saturday, October 27
5 to 8:30 pm

A safe and fun party for all ages featuring carnival games, a haunted maze, inflatables & much more!

Admission to the carnival is free.
Game tickets are 25¢ each.

Englewood Recreation Center
1155 West Oxford Avenue

David Taylor Dance Theatre's Halloween Show

Saturday, October 20 7 pm
Hampden Hall, 1000 Englewood Pkwy.

The performance is free, but tickets are required.
Tickets will be available beginning October 1 at the Library, the Recreation Center, and the Malley Center.
Call 303-762-2317 for details.



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