

Englewood Citizen

July-August 2012

Englewood receives over \$700,000 in open space funding

During Arapahoe County's recent Open Space Grant Awards ceremony, the City of Englewood received \$711,140 in open space funding.

In 2003, and again in 2011, Arapahoe County voters approved an Open Space Tax dedicated to preserving open space and enhancing parks. Since the program's inception, Englewood has received over 1.9 million dollars in grant funding.

Part of this year's funding was a grant for \$156,600 to renovate the playground in Englewood's Northwest Greenbelt, located in the 2200 block of West Vassar Avenue. The current playground is over 20 years old and has begun to show signs of its age. The grant will allow us to replace



Arapahoe County Open Space Grant Awards – Left to right: Commissioner Nancy Sharpe, Englewood Mayor Pro Tem Jim Woodward, Commissioner Susan Beckman, Englewood City Manager Gary Sears, Englewood Mayor Randy Penn, Commissioner Bill Holen, Englewood Parks & Recreation Director Jerrell Black, Commissioner Nancy Jackson, and Englewood Open Space Manager Dave Lee.

the outdated playground with modern, safe, and ADA-compliant equipment. The project is expected to begin in September and the playground should be ready for play next spring. Please visit our website (www.Englewoodgov.org) for updates on the project.

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www.Englewoodgov.org



Current Playground – This photo shows the current playground equipment at the Northwest Greenbelt in Englewood.



Future Playground – This rendering shows an example of the new playground equipment and design.



Jill Wilson
City Council Member
At Large

Message from City Council

On Memorial Day, our Englewood Police Department suffered a tragic loss, one of their own, Officer Jeremy Bitner. I attended Officer Bitner's funeral service, which was attended by thousands of people from across Colorado and neighboring states. Hundreds of cars formed the procession that ended at Fort Logan Cemetery and hundreds of citizens lined Highway 285 to pay their respects.

The service was a loving tribute that was not only heart-breaking, but also heart-warming. It confirmed that he was a wonderful father, husband, veteran, police officer, and a respected human being. This is a reminder of how the police and other public servants put their lives on the line every day. Officer Bitner will be missed.

As we move into summer, I want to provide an update on a few major projects under way in Englewood:

- The Kent Place development (University and Highway 285) is moving along – the Fresh Fare market and some of the other retail shops are expected to open in November, 2012.
- The old King Soopers at Federal and Belleview will be replaced with a larger updated King Soopers store. The new store is expected to open early in 2013.

Englewood also has several other potential developments on the horizon:

- McAlister's Deli is planning to locate in Englewood Marketplace next to the Little Dry Creek Plaza (the old Blockbusters location).
- Barbury Holdings LLC has submitted an application for a new apartment community at the Flood Middle School property.
- Littleton Capital Partners has expressed interest in a potential mixed-use development at the Martin Plastics property (Oxford and Santa Fe).
- Craig Hospital is planning a multi-million dollar expansion.
- The Veterinary Referral Center of Colorado is looking at expanding its current operations into the former LePeep's restaurant at Highway 285 and Jason Street.
- Groove Toyota (near Broadway and Belleview) has plans to expand.
- The owners of the General Iron Works and Winslow Construction properties (north of Dartmouth, east of Santa Fe) are working on plans for a potential multi-unit residential development on the properties.

Staff continues to work vigorously with the brokers of properties all over the city and it is very exciting to see the progress.

Thank you for letting me represent you. As always, I welcome your input and ideas.

Jill Wilson

Englewood City Council

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Jill Wilson

At Large

303-761-8680



Englewood City Council meetings are normally held the first and third Mondays of each month. The meetings are open to the public and interested parties are welcome 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 services are needed.



Photograph Courtesy of Don Matthews
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Members of a grateful public, fellow employees, and police officers and firefighters from neighboring jurisdictions lined the streets to pay their respects to Officer Jeremy Bitner during his funeral procession.

Farewell to a fallen Police Officer

The City of Englewood wishes to thank the community for its support in the aftermath of the loss of Officer Jeremy Bitner, who was killed in the line of duty on Memorial Day. We have been touched by the community's support and are grateful for the assistance provided by neighboring jurisdictions and the Colorado State Patrol during preparations for the funeral procession.

Although we mourn the loss of Officer Bitner, we take comfort in knowing how much his service meant to the Englewood community.

City officials and the Police Department have had preliminary discussions about erecting some type of memorial to honor Officer Bitner's service and sacrifice. Look for more information in an upcoming edition of the newsletter once details have been finalized.

We are continuing to keep Officer Bitner's family in our thoughts and know that the community will do the same.

A Memorial Fund has been established for Officer Bitner's family. For those who wish to make a donation, contributions will be accepted to Officer Jeremy Bitner Memorial Fund at the Belco Credit Union or any Public Service Credit Union.

Public Hearing Sign Code Amendments Input wanted on proposed Sign Code changes

Mon., July 16 • 7:30 pm
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
Englewood Civic Center, 1000
Englewood Parkway

Over the past year, Englewood's Community Development staff has been working with the Planning and Zoning Commission to update the City's Sign Code. The last major update was in 1981 and much has changed in the advertising industry since then.

The proposed amendments were presented and input sought at a public meeting in May, and the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing in June to gather additional input from the public. If you haven't had a chance to weigh in yet, City Council invites additional input at the July 16 Public Hearing.

Details on the proposed Sign Code update are available on our website (www.engagewoodgov.org) – check the "Hot Topics" link under *Inside City Hall*.

Englewood Police Department offers Citizen Alert system

The Englewood Police Department offers a "Citizen Alert" system that will help us relay information to residents quickly in the event of an emergency. The system, offered in partnership in the Arapahoe County E-911 Authority, will provide alerts on fires, floods, evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods, environmental hazards, and other emergencies.

The system will not be used for weather alerts because of the rapidly-changing

nature of most storms. The local news media, weather radios, weather websites, and the City's emergency notification sirens are able to provide notice of weather emergencies in a timelier manner.



Residents and businesses with landline telephones are already listed in the Arapahoe County E-911 database and are automatically included in the notification system. You can also sign up to receive alerts on any other communication device so you can get the information on your cell phone, or via email, pager, fax, etc.

If you would like to sign up for the Citizen Alert system on devices other than your landline phone, or if you would like to opt out of the system, visit the Police Department online at www.engagewoodgov.org (under *Inside City Hall, City Departments*).



Summer Drama Production

Friday, July 27 • 7 pm
Saturday, July 28 • 7 pm
Sunday, July 29 • 2 pm

EHS Fisher Auditorium

3800 S. Logan Street

Tickets: \$10 in Advance
 \$12 at the Door

Tickets available at the Malley Center (3380 S. Lincoln Street) beginning Monday, July 16
 Monday - Friday • 8 am - 6 pm

or at Fisher Auditorium Box Office:
 July 16 - 20 from 7 - 9 pm
 July 23 - 26 from 7 - 9 pm
 July 27 - 28 starting at 5:30 pm
 July 29 starting at 12:30 pm



**4th of July
 Family Festival
 Fireworks**

Fireworks cancelled
 Please note that the July 4th fireworks have been cancelled due to Arapahoe County Sheriff's Fireworks Ban.

Join us for an afternoon of field games, entertainment, and other activities, then stay for the fireworks! Visit www.Englewoodgov.org for details and a complete schedule of events.

Englewood Library Events

The Englewood Public Library is in the midst of a very busy summer! Here are a just a few of the programs taking place:

Summer Reading is here!

The Library is hosting Summer Reading programs for children, teens, and adults. Mid-point check-in will begin July 2. If you haven't signed up, it is not too late. Come by the Library and sign up to join the fun!

**Family Wii Play @ the Library
 Monday, July 16 • 2:15 - 5 pm**

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Call 303-762-2560 to register.

**Wimpy Kid Party
 Wednesday, July 18 • 11 am**

If you love the *Wimpy Kid* books, you'll enjoy trivia, cheesy games,

and prizes. Dress as your favorite character for an extra treat. Grades 3-5.

Irv Plastock

Friday, July 20 • 10:30 am at the CityCenter Englewood Amphitheater. Preschoolers (age 3-5) will love this sing-along artist from New York.

Brown Bag Book Club

Every third Thursday of the month at noon. No reservations needed—just bring your lunch and talk books! For the monthly title, check our website or call the Library at 303-762-2560.

For details on these and other Library programs, including weekly storytimes, please visit www.Englewoodgov.org.

KidStage Family Nights

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Free performances for the kid in all of us!

CityCenter Englewood Amphitheater

1000 Englewood Parkway (at the base of the light rail bridge)



Magician Keir Royale

July 10 Dr. Noize *Interactive family musician who brings out the creative side of all of us!*

July 17 Istari *World Percussionist*

July 24 Liz Masterson *Tales and Tunes of the West, plus campfire s'mores!*

July 31 Dan Crow *Fast-paced, non-stop show of inspired zaniness!*

August 7 Keir Royale *Dazzles and baffles with comedy, magic, and illusion!*

In the event of inclement weather, KidStage will move indoors to Hampden Hall, 1000 Englewood Parkway (2nd floor Englewood Civic Center). Call the Activity Status Line at 303-762-2598 for updates.

THE FAUX SHOW

"As in life, nothing is as it appears."

Opening Reception

Saturday, August 11
5 - 9 pm

Museum of Outdoor Arts

1000 Englewood Parkway

WWW.MOAONLINE.ORG

Student Art Contest 2013 Englewood Calendar

Attention Student Artists: Announcing the City of Englewood's annual Student Art Contest to determine the artwork for next year's calendar! All K-12 students who live or go to school in Englewood are eligible to enter. Entry forms and details on the art contest are available on our website.

Deadline for entries is Friday, September 28.

www.engagewoodgov.org for details.

New Business Update

The City of Englewood welcomes the following new businesses:

Farmers Insurance

4401 S. Broadway, Unit 204
720-227-6859

farmersagent.com/rcastaneda1

Recently relocated from Aurora, Farmers Insurance Agent Rosa Castaneda offers policies for Auto, Home, Renters, Life, and Business.

Honey Hole Thrift

4068 S. Broadway
303-862-8208

This new thrift store carries an eclectic assortment of dishes, outdoor gear, sports memorabilia, hand-blown glass, and more.

The Kaudy Law Firm, LLC

333 W. Hampden Ave., Suite 850
303-623-1885

This firm recently relocated from Denver to Englewood. Its focus is helping consumers with insurance company disputes.

Royal Automotive

3232 S. Broadway
303-282-1144

www.royalautomotives.com

Featuring used cars and automotive service, Royal Automotive recently relocated to a larger location in Englewood.

Springs Automotive

2855 S. Broadway
303-789-2886

springsautomotivegroup.com

Springs Automotive has opened a new location in Englewood featuring used cars and automotive parts and service.

Correction:

American Classic Piano

3865 S. Jason Street • 303-761-6858
<http://americanclassicpiano.com>

In the last edition, we listed the wrong web address for American Classic Piano. The correct URL is listed above (no www). We apologize for the error.

Sounds of Summer

Free Concerts!

Thursday nights at 6:30 pm

CityCenter Englewood Amphitheater
1000 Englewood Parkway (at the base of the light rail bridge near Englewood Civic Center)

July 12 Reveille 3

July 19 Swing Je T'aime

July 26 The Once Removed Band

August 2 The Country Music Project

August 9 Nacho Men

Bring a lawn chair and picnic dinner! For notice of cancellation in case of inclement weather, call our Activities Hotline at 303-762-2598.



Prairie Palooza GAMES

at the Arapahoe County Fair
July 25 - 29, 2012

www.arapahoecountyfair.com

Englewood Recreation Center's Annual Maintenance Closure: August 27 - September 3

The Englewood Recreation Center will be closed from Monday, August 27 through Monday, September 3 (Labor Day) for the completion of annual maintenance projects.

National Night Out: Tuesday, August 7

Get to know your neighbors!

On Tuesday, August 7, 2012 Englewood's neighborhoods are invited to participate in National Night Out – America's "Night Out Against Crime."

This annual nationwide event brings neighbors together with local law enforcement agencies. The goals of National Night Out are to heighten crime prevention awareness and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Englewood's events range from

neighborhood block parties to small backyard gatherings. Participants can usually count on a visit from Englewood Police Officers, Firefighters, or City Council Members.

If you would like to host a National Night Out party, or to find out where an event is taking place in your neighborhood, contact the Englewood Police Department's Community Relations Specialist, Toni Arnoldy, at 303-762-2490.

Free! Workshop for first-time homebuyers

Wednesday, July 11
5:30-9:30 pm

Englewood Civic Center

2nd Fl. Community Room, 1000 Englewood Pkwy.

Register online at the Colorado Housing Assistance Corporation's website (www.coloradohousingassistance.org) or call 303-572-9445, ext. 3 and leave your name and number. For general information on the class, call Englewood's Community Development Department at 303-762-2349.

Englewood Funfest

A hometown fair with a little flair!

Saturday, August 11 • 10 am to 5 pm
Bellevue Park • 5001 S. Inca Street

Funfest is all about the arts this year!



One of the arts and crafts activities at last year's Funfest.

- Chalk Art by the Larimer Art Association
- Museum of Contemporary Art Denver
- Museum De Las Americas
- Arts and crafts and much more!

Plus field games, zip line, bungee jump, miniature train, and entertainment throughout the day. Admission to Funfest is free, but some activities (train, zip line, etc.) may charge a small fee.

See your *Play Englewood* guide or visit www.engagewoodgov.org for details.

Youth Council Ice Cream Social Informational Meeting

Wednesday, July 18 • 4 pm

Englewood Recreation Center
1155 W. Oxford Avenue

If you are in grades 6-12, attend an Englewood school, or live in Englewood, and are interested in finding out about the Youth Council, plan to attend this informational meeting. As a member of the Youth Council, you have the power to make changes and enhance your leadership skills while creating activities for youth in Englewood.

Learn how you can help your community while earning community service hours for school! For more information contact Dave Parks at 303-762-2680.

Mark your calendars for KEB's Household Hazardous Waste Roundup September 15 & 22

Keep Englewood Beautiful's 21st annual Household Hazardous Waste Roundup will take place September 15 and September 22. Household hazardous waste and electronics will be accepted. Details on the roundup will be included in the September/October *Englewood Citizen* newsletter and on our website (www.engagewoodgov.org).

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, please call the City Manager's office at 303-762-2316. This newsletter is available in alternative format upon request.

Website: www.engagewoodgov.org

Email: info@engagewoodgov.org

Englewood PD offers Community Classes and Events

The Englewood Police Department sponsors a variety of classes and events in which the community is invited to participate.

Coffee with a Cop

Join officers for coffee and discussion.

Thursday, July 19 • 9 - 11 am

Starbucks, Floyd & Broadway

Wednesday, August 1 • 8:30 - 10:30 am

Solid Grounds, 871 Englewood Pkwy.

Thursday, August 16 • 9 - 11 am

Starbucks, Floyd & Broadway

Graffiti Paint Out

Join other neighborhood volunteers to help clean up graffiti in the community.

Saturday, July 21 • 9 - 11:30 am

Saturday, August 28 • 9 - 11:30 am

Citizen Self-Defense Classes

For adults:

Saturday, August 4 • 9 am - 2 pm

For 8 to 12 year-olds:

Saturday, August 18 • 9 am - Noon

For 13 to 17 year-olds:

Saturday, August 18 • 1 - 4 pm

Space is limited. Registration required.

Distracted Driving Presentation

Tuesday, August 21 • 4 - 6 pm

Thursday, August 23 • 5 - 7 pm

Space is limited. Registration required.

For more information on any of the above events or to register for a class, contact the Englewood Police Department's Community Relations Specialist at 303-762-2490 or tarnoldy@englewoodgov.org.

Visit the Police Department online at www.englewoodgov.org for information on these and other events and programs.

NOTICE OF WEST LAYTON AVENUE CLOSURE

West Layton Avenue will be closed between Windermere and Mariposa Streets from September, 2012 through October, 2013 to accommodate a major construction project at the Allen Water Filter Plant. The Plant will undergo the addition of an ultraviolet disinfection processing system during the next year and it will be necessary to close this section of Layton Avenue to accommodate construction access and equipment storage.

Detour routes will be clearly posted in the area. We know this closure may inconvenience residents and visitors in the area and we thank you in advance for your patience during this project.

News from Neighborhood Services

Invitation to learn more about Medicare fraud

by Impact Team Officer Read

As we begin the summer months, the Englewood Police Impact Team would like to remind you to stay diligent about safety during your travels around the city. Officers Read and Jose have been speaking this quarter about staying safe in the community and what to look for and when to call the police.

As a part of the Seniors and Englewood Police Partnership (SEPP) program, the Impact Team would like to extend an open

invitation to anyone interested in listening to a guest speaker from the Senior Medicare Patrol talk about Medicare and Medicaid fraud, which seems to be a current trend impacting seniors.

A firm date has not yet been set for this presentation, but it will take place toward the middle of August. Please contact Officer Read at 303-762-2393 or cread@englewoodgov.org if you are interested in reserving a spot.

Fun at Pirates Cove!

Adults Only Night (18+)

Wed. July 11 • 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Kids Only Night (10 - 14)

Wed. July 20 • 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Food Drive - July 15 to 21

Benefitting Well-fed, Inc. Bring a non-perishable food item and receive a coupon for a free soda at the Barnacle Café!

1225 W. Belleview Avenue

www.piratescovecolorado.com



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Upcoming Events

Mon. July 2	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center – 2 nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Wed. July 4	HOLIDAY - Independence Day Englewood Civic Center, Library, Malley Center, Englewood Recreation Center Closed	
Wed. July 4	4th of July Family Festival & Fireworks Bellevue Park, Cornerstone Park, Progress Park (www.engagewoodgov.org)	3 - 10 pm
Wed. July 11	Adults Only Night at Pirates Cove (18 and over) Pirates Cove, 1225 W. Bellevue Ave. (See page 7 for details.)	6:30 - 8:30 pm
Thurs. July 12	Free Sounds of Summer Concert: Reveille 3 (Andrews Sisters Tribute) CityCenter Englewood Amphitheater, 1000 Englewood Parkway	6:30 pm
Mon. July 16	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center – 2 nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Wed. July 18	Youth Council Informational Ice Cream Social Englewood Recreation Center, 1155 W. Oxford Ave. (See page 6 for details.)	4 pm
Thurs. July 19	Free Sounds of Summer Concert: Swing Je T'aime CityCenter Englewood Amphitheater, 1000 Englewood Parkway	6:30 pm
Fri. July 20	Kids Only Night at Pirates Cove (10-14 years of age) Pirates Cove, 1225 W. Bellevue Ave. (See page 7 for details.)	6:30 - 8:30 pm
Mon. July 23	Meet Denver Sports Legends Irv Brown & Ervin Johnson Free - all ages welcome! Englewood Recreation Center, 1155 W. Oxford Ave.	11 am
July 25 - 29	Arapahoe County Fair Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 25690 E. Quincy Ave. in Aurora (www.arapahoeountyfair.com)	
Thurs. July 26	Free Sounds of Summer Concert: The Once Removed Band CityCenter Englewood Amphitheater, 1000 Englewood Parkway	6:30 pm
July 27, 28, 29	Summer Drama Performance – Anything Goes EHS Fisher Auditorium, 3800 S. Logan (See page 4 for details.)	
Thurs. Aug. 2	Free Sounds of Summer Concert: The Country Music Project CityCenter Englewood Amphitheater, 1000 Englewood Parkway	6:30 pm
Mon. Aug. 6	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center – 2 nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm
Thurs. Aug. 9	Free Sounds of Summer Concert: Nacho Men CityCenter Englewood Amphitheater, 1000 Englewood Parkway	6:30 pm
Sat. Aug. 11	Englewood Funfest Bellevue Park, 5001 S. Inca Street (See page 6 for details.)	10 am - 5 pm
Mon. Aug. 20	Englewood City Council Meeting Englewood Civic Center – 2 nd Floor Council Chambers	7:30 pm

Due to space constraints, we don't have room to list all meetings or events. Please check the Calendar of Events on www.engagewoodgov.org for a complete listing.

KEB's Cleanup Coupon Distribution Schedule

- **Sat., July 14 • 10 - 11:30 am**
Englewood Community Garden
W. Dartmouth Ave. & S. Fox Street
(north of Cushing Park)
- **Sat., July 28 • 10 - 11:30 am**
Englewood Civic Center
1000 Englewood Parkway (1st floor lobby, adjacent to the fountain)
- **Sat., Aug. 11 • 10 am - 5 pm**
Englewood FunFest
Bellevue Park, 5001 S. Inca Street
- **Sat., Aug. 25 • 10 - 11:30 am**
Englewood Civic Center
1000 Englewood Parkway (1st floor lobby, adjacent to the fountain)

The Keep Englewood Beautiful (KEB) Cleanup Coupon program gives residents a chance to get rid of oversized and unwanted trash at a reduced rate. The Cleanup Coupons are valued at \$25 off regular fees at the Waste Management Transfer Station, 2400 West Union Avenue.

Proof of residency is required and only one coupon is available per household.

For details on the program, visit KEB online at www.engagewoodgov.org.