

# CITY OF ENGLEWOOD WEEKLY REPORT Week of March 25, 2024

## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

- Council Calendar
- Council Request Responses
  - o CRT 0687 (Prange) Water rate increase and survey
  - CRT 0717 (Nunnenkamp) Traffic concerns on Dartmouth between Broadway and Santa Fe
  - CRT 0726 (Russell) Questions re: February 26 incident described by Mr.
    Young
  - o CRT 0727 (Ward) No Smoking enforcement in parks
  - CRT 0730 (Nunnenkamp) Expenditure options for Capital and Non-Capital Items
- Outstanding Council Requests

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

## Administration

 The 6<sup>th</sup> session of Elevate Englewood Leadership Academy was hosted by EPD March 27<sup>th</sup>, and covered Community Safety. The facilitator for this session was Deputy Chief Vance Fender. Guest speakers included Police Chief Sam Watson, Community Outreach and Crime Prevention Specialist Crystal Essman, Restorative Justice Program Manager Ames Stenson, Englewood Municipal Judge Joe Jefferson, and Court Administrator Kennetha Julien.

## Communications

- o Englewood in the News:
  - Englewood could ask voters to approve \$50 million to overhaul
    Pirate's Cove, long list of parks
  - Englewood Board of Education, Davon Williams split over denial of mileage reimbursement
  - Sam Hill's by Arrow 'a time capsule' and working barbershop
  - Nesting Bald Eagles Makes Golf Course Hole Shorter
- City of Englewood Monthly Email Newsletter 3,619 subscribers
- o Input Now! (Polco) 1,686 subscribers

- o COE Social Media Engagement Statistics
  - Facebook
    - Number of Posts: 13
    - 2 New Followers
    - Top Post: Uniquely Englewood
  - Instagram
    - Number of Posts: 12
    - 10 New Followers
    - Top Post: Uniquely Englewood
- o Parks & Recreation Social Media Engagement Statistics
  - Facebook
    - Number of Posts: 4
    - 2 New Followers
    - Top Post: VOA lunches
  - Instagram
    - Number of Posts: 4
    - 2 New Followers
    - Top Post: VOA lunches
- o EPD Social Media Engagement Statistics
  - Facebook
    - Number of Posts: 5
    - 30 New Followers
    - Top Post: Dispatchers are now first responders

# • Community Development

- Ounified Development Code Flyers In an effort to provide user-friendly information related to the new code, Community Development staff is continuing to add features to the summary of the code and the development process. The latest feature is a flyer summarizing the regulations and approval procedure for home occupations. Please note that a council-requested study session on home occupation regulations has been scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Citizens Planning School Registration is now closed for the spring session, with 25 registrants. The five-week program begins on April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- o Short Term Rental (STR) Report The STR Report for March 28th.
- Job Fair On March 28<sup>th</sup>, the City of Englewood co-sponsored the Arapahoe/Douglas Works' 2024 Inclusive Career Mixer/Job Fair. Eight employers and 89 job seekers registered for the event.



# • Information Technology

- o Currently reviewing resumes for intern slated for Operations
- $_{\odot}$  I.T. will be hosting the Arapahoe County Cybersecurity Consortium.
- Through an external selection process Brandon Brown was promoted to I.T.
  Operations Manager to fill a vacancy.

	С	Cancelled		Closed		In Progress		Open		Resolved		Waiting for		Waiting on User		Count	
Account New/Modificatio		0		37		1		4		2		0		1	•	45	
Audio/Visual	•	0		1	•	0		1		0		0	•	1	•	3	
Cloud	•	0		6	•	1		1		2		0	•	0	•	10	
Desktop	•	0		15	•	3		4		2		0	•	1	•	25	
Hardware	•	1		23		2		2		0		0	•	0	•	28	
Network	•	0		3		0		0		0	•	0	•	0	•	3	
On-Premise Application	•	0	•	1	•	0	•	1		0	•	0	•	1	•	3	
Other	•	0		12		1		0		0	•	1	•	0	•	14	
Security	•	0		7		1		0		0	•	0	•	0	•	8	
Servers	•	0	-	1		0		0		0	•	0	•	0	•	1	
Count	•	1	•	106	•	9	•	13		6	•	1		4	•	140	

# • Parks, Recreation, Library and Golf

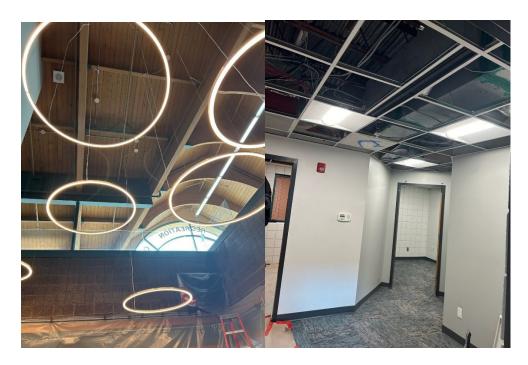
 105 Englewood School students utilized free admission the Recreation Center for spring break.

 Approximately 2,500 people came to Belleview Park on Saturday for the Hop & Shop Egg Hunt event. Over 40 vendors and food trucks on hand.





 Recreation Center refurbishing included the counter lights finished and carpet and paint completed in the offices.



 KG Electric has completed all hookups for the charging station for the new train and has requested inspection with the City. Once the inspections have been completed, Xcel will energize the line.  The Belleview Train is still on track to come rolling into the station the end of April. Below are parts that are ready for assembly.



- Aquatics Supervisor Brenne LeBlanc successfully passed the American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Course this month and will be working to improve the learn to swim program.
- Andan Mader and Lilly VanVleet are now Ellis and Associates Lifeguard Instructors after successfully completing the instructor course earlier this month and will be assisting several lifeguard training courses this spring.
- The River Run restrooms were vandalized Thursday night which will result in a delay on their opening. A plumber has been contacted for a quote on repairs. All of the plumbing was cut out in the chase area of the building.

## Police

 On March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, HB24-1016 was signed into effect! This bill specifically defines "emergency communications specialists" (commonly known as dispatchers) as first responders whose responsibilities encompass both emergency and nonemergency dispatch services.



# • Public Works

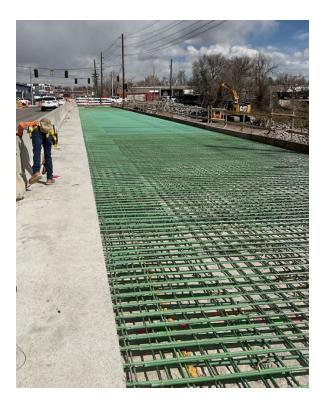
- South Englewood Flood Reduction Update:
  - Site A (pipe lining): The second shot was successfully installed and cured last week. The final segment of liner will be installed next week. The project is expected to be completed by Mid-April, weather permitting. See photo below of the lining work.
  - Site B (detention pond): A new traffic pattern went into effect on Thursday (3/18) with only northbound traffic permitted on Quincy. Public Works coordinated with PD, Fire and Communications to ensure information is successfully distributed regarding the new pattern. This also includes updates on social media, as well as the city's website. Public Works and contractor ACC are also working with local businesses (Garmat and Baccara) to ensure they can continue regular operations when construction efforts take place in front of office and industrial spaces. Excavation of Pond B has commenced. Waterline work will commence on Stanford Ave in the coming weeks. Excavation on Stanford Avenue for the tunnel pit will

likely begin in mid to late April with tunneling operations commencing in May.



 Darthmouth Bridge Update – work on the bridge continues with a deck pour today (Friday), for the south side of the bridge. A closure of the bridge is necessary for this work, and traffic will be impacted into early next week. Information regarding the closure has been shared internally as well as social media and the city's website. See photos below:







# • South Platte Renew

o South Platte Renew (SPR) is organizing its annual River Clean-Up event from April 15<sup>th</sup> to April 27<sup>th</sup>. Over two weeks, a combination of Do-It-Yourself initiatives will lead up to the main clean-up event on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to noon. This year, SPR will facilitate clean-up activities at Centennial Park in Englewood and the Mary Carter Greenway Trail at the Riverside Downs parking lot in Littleton. Participants of all ages are encouraged to join the clean-up efforts as part of Earth Day

- celebrations. To sign up, please visit the River Clean-Up registration page on the South Platte Renew website: River Clean-Up South Platte Renew.
- On March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Dan DeLaughter, SPR Data & Regulatory Programs Manager, provided testimony before the Senate Business & Labor Affairs Committee at the State Capitol in advocacy of Senate Bill SB24-081, a measure aimed at tightening regulations on the sale and distribution of consumer products containing PFAS in Colorado. The bill successfully passed the Senate and is now slated for review by the House Business Affairs & Labor Committee. A Denver Post article featuring excerpts from Dan's testimony was published on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and can be accessed here: Denver Post Article.

#### Utilities

 As a part of the Lead Reduction Program, the program manager continuously updates the Service Line Inventory Map as the material of service lines in the water service area is physically verified. This map is publicly available here.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMUNITY MEETINGS**



• The Active Aging Expo (April 18<sup>th</sup>; 2-5 pm) at Malley. Registration for vendors is live online (\$50 Non Profit; \$150 For-Profit):

#### **COMMUNITY KUDOS**

• Hi Shawn, I want to thank you and your team on the clearing and sanding of the streets, especially Broadway. I connect with my team on weather days like this at 4:00 a.m. Your team must have been out getting the streets ready for the morning commute all night. This allowed us to have a normal, full day of school. Thank you for your hard work in ensuring we can get students to school on time and ready to learn. We appreciate you and your team!

Sincerely,

Joanna Polzin, B.S., M.Ed. Superintendent Englewood Schools

• Email received on March 18, 2024:

Hi Christa,

I hope you are well and have had a nice weekend. In that I am not sure how to send a note of thanks to Police Chief Sam Watson for the work of one of Englewood's Police Officers, I am sending the following note to you to forward to the appropriate individual or office in the Police Department. Please feel free to let Shawn know or let me know the appropriate way to provide this information to Chief Watson or the Police Department.

On last Saturday evening (March 16, 2024) at our home, my daughter who was visiting us with her family from Durango, Colorado, decided to do an evening jog toward Downing to the East of our house at about 5:30. During her run she came upon a large dog without a tag and was perhaps a puppy that was lost and running down the street. She decided to try to find if the owners were nearby, but then decided to bring the dog back to our house and contact Dispatch for Animal Recovery purposes. The dispatcher was very friendly and helpful, even though Code Enforcement services were not immediately available and said that a police officer would be sent to our address.

Despite the lower priority of this incident, we were very pleased to see a police vehicle at our home within the next 30-45 minutes. My daughter and I met the officer at the street and I was extremely impressed with her personal and friendly, but very professional demeanor and attitude of service. She introduced herself to us and gave us a card, listing J.Mulder as her police officer identification. Because of my history with the City, Chief Watson, and the Police Department I enjoyed the opportunity to talk about my background and the outstanding quality of the Police Department and City Services under the leadership of Chief Watson and command staff. I am writing this note to you, to let you know that she is a true asset to your department and to our community and I hope that she, or others with similar professional credibility are given the opportunity and encouraged to take a leadership in your department. We, again, were very pleased with the way, Officer Mulder took charge to resolve the issue and was a superb representative of your department, especially with the extraordinary demands of the public on police services.

Thank you Christa for your assistance with this email. Please let me know if there is another way that I should contact the Police Department with my comments. Thanks again for all you do.

Take Care,

Gary