

CITY OF ENGLEWOOD WEEKLY REPORT

Week of September 23, 2024

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- Council Calendar
- Council Request Responses
 - <u>CRT 0769</u> (Nunnenkamp) Public comment at board and commission meetings
 - <u>CRT 0829</u> (Council) Post-Mortem Incident Report Clarkson Main Break Event
 - o CRT 0830 (Ward) General contractor requirements
 - o CRT 0833 (Wright) Recreation Center discounts
 - o CRT 0834 (Anderson) Skunk population
 - o CRT 0837 (Sierra) Correction: Capital Project Funds
- Outstanding Council Requests

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- Administration City Manager's Office
 - The city's <u>Sustainable Business Partnership program</u> highlighted in the Colorado Green Business Network (CGBN) September newsletter.



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Colorado Green Business Network

September 2024 Updates

Get to Know Your CGBN Staff and Regional Partners





Learn more here!

Launched in June 2024 with the help of plastic bag fee funds, the Cities of Englewood and Sheridan started the Sustainable Business Partnership (SBP) - a regional extension of the Colorado Green Business Network. This directly responded to the cities' commercial sector, which comprised the largest percentage of greenhouse gas in their communities. In September of 2024, the City of Littleton joined the program as well, officially making it a Tri-Cities initiative.

Mel Englund is the Sustainability Program Manager for the Cities of Englewood and Sheridan, where she's been building two separate city sustainability programs for three years. She received her Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Business from Aquinas College and her Masters in Urban Resilience and Sustainability from the University of Colorado - Boulder. Mel found her love for the public sector through serving in Americorps in Butte, Montana, where she worked on increasing rural community climate resilience throughout the state. Mel's hobbies include reading, exploring the outdoors, talking about sustainability topics at parties, and crying over dog photos on PetFinder.

Aidan Lawton, the Green Business Program Coordinator for the Cities of Englewood, Sheridan, and Littleton (The Tri-Cities), holds an MBA from Colorado State University, where he focused on Corporate Sustainability. With a strong background in sustainability and business development, Aidan is passionate about creating impactful environmental solutions that benefit both businesses and communities. Through his role, he provides one-on-one coaching to businesses as part of the Sustainable Business Partnership program, offering personalized support to help businesses achieve their sustainability goals. Outside of work, Aidan stays active through soccer, hiking, and swimming but loves cooking and baking. He's always on the lookout for a good meal—whether he's cooking it himself or enjoying someone else's culinary skills.

City Clerk's Office

Passport appointments for the month of October are now on the website.
 Please go to englewoodco.gov/passports and book an appointment before they're all gone! Passport services at the City of Englewood are open to anyone and you do not have to be a resident to make an appointment.

Communications

- Englewood in the News:
 - Englewood city staff used taxpayer money to buy signs urging yes vote on parks bond
 - <u>City of Englewood asks residents to return yard signs that say vote</u>
 'Yes' on ballot issue
 - Englewood creates new guidelines after taxpayer money used for political signs
 - Englewood residents asked to return signs to city after possible violation of state law

- Lost elk wandering Denver area darted and relocated to Colorado wilderness
- Bull elk looks for love in the wrong places
- Elk makes its way to Englewood, Colorado Parks and Wildlife steps in to help
- Elk found in Englewood, released in Colorado wilderness: "Felt cute, might bugle later"
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife relocate elk that was found in southern part of Denver metro area
- Englewood Police question false bomb threat suspect
- City considering development at Englewood Plaza
- City of Englewood Monthly Email Newsletter 3,804 subscribers
- o COE Social Media Engagement Statistics
 - Facebook
 - Number of Posts: 1718 New Followers
 - Top Post: Elk in Englewood
 - Instagram
 - Number of Posts: 15
 - 7 New Followers
 - Top Post: Elk in Englewood
- o Parks & Recreation Social Media Engagement Statistics
 - Facebook
 - Number of Posts: 7
 - 3 New Followers
 - Top Post: Trunk or Treat
 - Instagram
 - Number of Posts: 8
 - 5 New Followers
 - Top Post: <u>Trunk or Treat</u>

• Parks, Recreation, Library and Golf

 The 3rd Annual Homeless Connect event was held at Cushing Park on Thursday, September 27th. There were 25 different nonprofits and government services at the event. Over 60 participants visited the event to obtain services and resources to assist them. Thanks to Toni Arnoldy, Events Supervisor for securing food and donations to provide during the event!



 Ms. Kimberly and Ms. Susie presented the summer reading trophy to Maddox Early Childhood education center! Maddox had the most students complete the summer reading program this year!



- The New Reach TV has been switched on in the lobby at the Recreation Center. This allows important information to be shared with Recreation Center Guests in a more prominent location and on a bigger screen. This will be used to cross-promote programming and share important information like rules and upcoming events!
- The Recreation Center is holding the first Parent's Night Out of the Season Friday the 27th – We currently have 6 registrants. We changed the offering from Thursdays to Fridays to encourage higher participation.
- The Intro to Sports Class at the Recreation Center had a second offering added to the schedule based on popularity in the spring. There are currently 8 total enrollments for the two sessions.
- Chris Harguth in Communications is assisting Golf with the Golf Action Plan marketing campaign to introduce it to the patrons and community. Thank you, Chris.
- o 1st Tee of Colorado Rocky Mountains had 24 junior participants for their clinics at Broken Tee: \$420 will be paid to Broken Tee.

 ATVs have been riding around in the late evenings on the golf course property. Damage has been done to a couple of the greens on the Par 3 course and flagsticks have been taken and broken. Broken Tee is working with Sheridan PD and asking Englewood PD for assistance too. The golf staff is reviewing live camera footage to try to catch them in the act and call the police.



 $_{\odot}$ Hikers from Malley took in some gorgeous fall color up near Breckenridge on September 24 $^{\rm th}.$



 Malley hosted the annual Older Adult Safety Symposium on Friday, September 20th which included presentations on fraud and scams, the importance of vaccine health, and personal and home safety. CDPHE was also on site with the Mobile Vaccine Unit to administer vaccines as needed.



- The water feature at Romans Park has been repaired. A new electrical line was run, and the float repaired. The feature now works like new.
- Parks staff spent a week at PD refreshing the landscaping. They added 35 years of mulch, trimmed back vegetation, and weeded the flower beds.
- New "No Dogs Allowed" signs have been posted on the playground at Jason Park.
- Bates Logan Park update: Dirt work is ongoing for basketball court. Final grade will be established this week. Major work has been done on the slope for the playground.





Police

- We continue to have our Citizen's Academy, this week they met with our SWAT team and our Negotiators. They discussed how these teams operate.
 They had discussions regarding logistics of how they work along with the tools they use, such as the bearcat and command post.
- Additionally, we held testing for the Police Officer position. We invited individuals to partake in our physical ability test. This is one of the first steps of many to become an officer and the candidates all did a great job.
 We had applicants for both the Police Academy Position starting in January, as well as a lateral applicant from another agency.

Public Works

- Staff met this week with Englewood Schools regarding walk and roll (Oct 9th). Based on the meeting, staff will now coordinate with the team (PTO / Community leaders) coordinating the walk and roll event at Clayton ES. Public Works will also loop in EPD, PW Engineering, and the City Communications team regarding the event.
- Milling and paving is underway on Broadway and Englewood Parkway. Broadway paving will be complete today (Friday) and Englewood Parkway has been milled and will be paved next week, see photos below. Temporary striping will be installed once paving is complete with permanent striping to follow in October.

Broadway:



Englewood Parkway:



o An open house was held this past Wednesday (September 25th) at Grow and Gather for the Old Hampden Complete Streets project. Over 60 people attended and provided great feedback on the project, see photos below.





- South Englewood Flood Reduction Update: Tunneling officially crossed the halfway mark on the first stretch this week and has completed over 700 feet to date. Work at the ponds and in Navajo continues with rediblock being installed at Pond A (photo below).
 - It is anticipated the detention basin (lower area) within Rotolo Park will be closed for construction the week of October 7th and run through the winter. Over 200 letters were sent out this week to residents in the immediate vicinity of the park letting them know about the closure / work. Two signs will also be installed at the park notifying residents that the works is associated with the flood reduction project. Note work in the park includes removal of some trees. Overall, the project will be planting of 44 new trees. Public Works is coordinating with Parks regarding the closure and any associated impacts. Note the playground area will remain open throughout construction.



Utilities

o AMI Program Update

 As of September 26th, the AMI contractor has exchanged or retrofitted a total of 4,804 meters.

o Lead Program Update:

- The Lead Reduction Program is scheduled to replace 25 lead or galvanized service lines next week. The majority of these replacements will occur along the 2900 and 3000 blocks of S Logan St, the 3000 block of S Pearl St, and the 2700 block of S Pennsylvania St.
- 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.

Billing System Conversion Update:

- Utilities staff continues to work with Cogsdale to resolve the major issues remaining on the new water bill, including the display of water consumption data and the consumption graphic.
- We are working to recover the billing schedule through the month of October.
 - September Q1 bills will be sent on September 30^{th.}
 - September Q2 and Q3 bills will be sent by October 3rd.
 - All October bills are scheduled to be sent by October 14th.

- These bills will not have the fixes to the display of the consumption data or graph; however, the charges are accurate.
- The website has been updated to include a table for customers to determine their water consumption based on their "Water" charge on their bill.
- Anticipate full recovery of the utility billing schedule by November, at which time, we also anticipate the issues with the graph and consumption data appearing on the bill to be resolved.

UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- Musical Moments Concert by Hal & Evelyn Rutenberg of the Arapahoe
 Philharmonic will be performing at Malley 12:30 pm 1:30 pm on October 4^{th.}
- Tickets for Holiday Express go on sale October 7th. \$14 per ticket. Kids 2 and under are free.
 - o The event is Dec 6th, 7th, 13th, and 14th, 3:30-8:30 pm.
 - o Train only on Sundays Dec 8th & Dec 15th.
- October 19th Truck or Treat at Civic Center Circle. For more information click here.