



Greeley Supports Schools

Materials for Forum Participants

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This list of City projects, programs and services highlights Greeley City Government's current support for schools in Greeley. All services listed below are provided for free to the School District unless noted otherwise.

Public Works

Parks Division

- Sherwood Park is used by Scott School students Monday-Friday for playground facilities and Physical Education classes. East Memorial Park is used by East Memorial School for some of their daily outdoor activities.
- Brentwood Park is used in the same manner as Sherwood Park plus the Parks Division maintains the football field for the 8th grade football program. If the District was charged rental fees, they would total \$575 for a ten week usage.
- Bittersweet and Monfort Parks are used for cross country meets.
- Many park shelters within walking distance of middle schools and elementary schools are used for school Field Days. Usage varies year to year, but typically these parks are used: Pheasant Run, Westmoor, Sherwood, Sanborn, Anna Gimmestad, Bittersweet, Broadview, Monfort and East Memorial. Each school will typically reserve a park/shelter for four days. The value of this usage at \$50 per day is $\$50 \times 4 \text{ days} \times 9 \text{ parks} = \$1,800$.

Forestry Division

- Giving Tree Program – held the 3rd week in April; staff visits over 1,500 first grade students to talk about the importance of trees to our community and the environment. Free to schools; cost to Forestry is approximately \$3,100.
- Tree Spade Partnership – the City partners with District 6 to share tree spade equipment when either entity has a large tree transplanting project.

Transportation Services

- School Safety Advisory Committee/Safe Routes to School Program
 - Evaluates/develops solutions to school traffic and pedestrian safety issues to assure adequate safety measures are in place in and around school neighborhoods.
- Flashing school zone lights – installation and maintenance
- School zone signs and pavement markings – installation and maintenance
- Overhead school signals – installation and maintenance

Streets Division

- This division supplies barricades and cones when schools have functions that require full or partial street closures, i.e. parades, special events.

Stormwater Division

- Children's Water Festival – Co-sponsor Annual Children's Water Festival for all 4th graders – cost to the Stormwater Division is \$4,500. This activity teaches students that water is an essential, limited resource and that they can take action to protect this resource. An interdisciplinary approach covers an array of curriculum areas including: language arts, math, science, social studies, visual art, and health. Free for students and teachers.
- In-class presentations – pollution prevention activities for all District 6 schools.

- Water Education Training (WET) – Co-sponsored with the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District – Sponsorship cost for the City of Greeley is \$2,500. Project WET is a nationally recognized water education program to promote responsible water stewardship through effective water education. Activities are written for and by teachers. The sponsorship provides materials to teachers through a 1-2 day hands-on training experience. Workshops are free to all teachers.
- 8th Grade Job Fair - staff participate in the 2-day job fair held at Island Grove Park. The job fair exposes 8th graders to various careers in City government and the educational requirements for those careers.

Greeley-Evans Transit (GET)

- GET Bus Routes – City staff works with District 6 staff to incorporate service to schools; currently routes serve several schools and students are eligible for discounted fares and passes. A route adjustment to serve Northridge High School is in the planning stages.
- Teaching in Transit – students and teachers can ride for a discounted rate during the school day when they use regular routes and bus stops.

Finance Department

- Shared Purchasing Manager – the City and the School District share a staff member who coordinates purchasing functions and activities. The shared personnel cost saves the school district approximately \$23,126 per year.

City Attorney’s Office

- Career Days & class presentations – staff routinely offer Career Day presenters.
- “We-The People” competition – City attorneys participate as judges in this annual high school competition.
- Bar Association Mock Trial competition – staff participate as judges and facilitators.
- Poudre Learning Center – the City Attorney serves on the board of this cooperative program between four school districts including District 6.

Union Colony Fire Rescue

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Leisure Services

Youth Enrichment Division

- After-School Fun Club – Five days a week, Mondays from 2-6 p.m. and Tuesday-Fridays from 3-6 p.m., at both the Jesus Rodarte Center and Anna Gimmestad Park, students ages 6-17 receive help with homework, participate in community service projects, complete arts/crafts and go on field trips at no cost to the youth. Currently there are over 200 youth registered. The cost for the City to offer this program is approximately \$48,300 a year.
- 21st Century After-School Program – The City, through a contract with School District 6 using federal 21st Century grant funds, offers youth ages 6-17 an opportunity to work on academic skills and enjoy supervised recreational time. The elementary school sites are at Shawsheen and Jackson, the middle school site is Franklin, and the high school site is Northridge. Sites vary as Federal funds become available to the District.
- Girls of Tomorrow – For girls 9-12 years of age, promotes self-confidence, personal leadership, community responsibility, accountability and empowers young women to make the most of their lives. Activities include arts/crafts, cooking, guest speakers, field trips and community service projects. Program locations are at six school sites and the Jesus

Rodarte Center four days a week. Currently there are over 100 young women in this no cost to participate program. The cost to the City is approximately \$9,000 per year.

- Youth Commission – Area youth representing schools in the District are appointed by City Council to serve as collective voices for their peers, as well as ambassadors for the City.

Recreation Division

- FFAR (Fun-Fitness And Recreation) – Encourages students to be active and healthy, via after school discounts – when students show their school ID at the Family FunPlex or the Recreation Center. From 3-5 p.m. Monday-Friday they pay just \$2 to use the facility. Students, when showing their school ID at any other times, receive \$1 off the regular facility-use fee.
- Academic Achievement Award – Each year School District 6 selects the top three schools with the greatest academic achievement. The City then schedules those three schools to use either the Ice Haus or Family FunPlex for a Fun Day. Last year over 1,700 students, teachers and parents enjoyed those Fun Days.
- “Fun-raising” Opportunities – Local Parent-Teacher Organizations are provided the opportunity to schedule use of the Family FunPlex or Greeley Ice Haus for fund raising events. These events occur after regular hours, are open to the public and anyone who enters to use the facility pays the daily fee. The school gets 50% of the revenue.
- Middle School Sports – Due to School District 6 budget constraints, the District has discontinued some 7th grade sports. To support those youth, City of Greeley Leisure Services is partnering with the City of Evans to organize sports programs to fill the gap.

Museums Division

- City of Greeley Museum’s Centennial Village History Fests – Each fall and spring the Museum staff and scores of volunteers offer HistoryFest to 4th and 5th graders. This living history festival features demonstrations ranging from blacksmithing to chuck wagon cooking for over 5,000 students in Greeley and surrounding area schools.
- Museum to You Classroom Presentations – A new program in 2010-11 where costumed historical interpreters lead programs tailored to School District 6 social studies Pacing Guides in grades 2-5. Per a City of Greeley-School District 6 agreement, classrooms pay \$25 per class and \$1 per student to cover costs. If all teachers schedule presentations, this program will reach 5,000 students in 200 classrooms in one school year.
- Professional Development Days – New in 2010, City Museums offered four professional development days to teachers of grades 2-5. Teachers experience museum tours, living history demonstrations, sessions on oral history interviews, and more that they can take back to the classroom or bring their students to Greeley Museums’ sites to see. The cost to the City is approximately \$500 per year.
- Greeley Museums Tours – The Greeley Museums offer tours of Centennial Village Museum and the Greeley History Museum which match District 6 social studies Pacing Guide teaching areas. Hour-long experiences at the History Museum and 1-1/2 hour long visits to Centennial Village include interpretive guides. TourPlus visits also allow groups, for a small fee, to add a hands-on activity to their tour.
- Young Chautauqua at Centennial Village – Centennial Village is the venue for this annual event where students research and present Chautauqua programs to their peers. Greeley Museums’ staff work with teachers and students researching and developing scripts for performances. This program and the High Plains Chautauqua are becoming recognized nationally for the breadth of scholarship, interest and participation from the community.
- Greeley Museums’ Junior Volunteers Program – Junior volunteers are teens ages 13-18 who sign up for training and orientation to assist with educational summer camps and museum events. They learn valuable skills interacting with people of all ages,

responsibility for being on time, completing required tasks, etc. Many schools and community organizations encourage or require volunteering; this program gives students this opportunity. In a given year, there are 40-50 students involved.

Special Events

- Festival of Trees – One week each year the Union Colony Civic Center is transformed into a winter wonderland full of events, music, fun and of course dozens of beautifully decorated trees. Students are invited for field trips and to perform at the event. High school service clubs (e.g. Key Club) are invited to assist with the event.
- Arts Picnic – This annual festival provides ongoing opportunities for Key Club volunteers.

Shared Facilities Agreements

- Greeley Swim Team Practices & Meets – The 3 high schools and each middle school utilize the Downtown Recreation Center Swimming Pool for practices and meets. Usage extends over several months using approximately 600 hours of pool time each year.
- Shared Facilities Inter-Governmental Agreement – Each year, City and School District 6 staff meet to schedule joint use of facilities, in order to maximize use for tax-payer benefit. In 2010, the District will schedule and use over 3,000 hours of time in various Leisure Services facilities and City parks. Examples include: Island Grove Events Center and Park, Butch Butler baseball field, Centennial Park tennis courts, Youth Sports Complex, City golf courses, the downtown Recreation Center meeting rooms, dance studios. In addition, the School District arranges 29 uses of the Union Colony Civic Center. As part of this agreement, the City schedules 2,900 hours of use in School District facilities to provide after school activities and sports for Greeley youth.

Police Department

- School Resource Officer (SRO) Program – Five police officers are assigned full-time to Greeley's high schools and middle schools. Working closely with school administrators and security staff, officers provide crime prevention and safety advice as well as security. The program is financed entirely by the City at a cost of approximately \$400,000 per year.
- School Crossing Guard Program – The Police Department hires, trains, equips and supervises a staff of seasonal employees who provide pedestrian safety at key school crosswalks. The cost of the program is split between the City and District 6 and presently costs each partner about \$40,000 annually.
- Neighborhood Action Team (NAT) – The sworn members of NAT assist the School Resource Officers as needed in carrying out enforcement duties as well as conducting presentations. They help address neighborhood problems that may be tied to students.
- Traffic Enforcement – The Traffic Enforcement Team conducts regular enforcement and education operations in the vicinity of Greeley schools. The team gives special attention to drivers around Greeley's high schools, and also rotate their presence in all school neighborhoods. They respond to citizen and school reports of traffic-related problems.
- Liaison with District 6 Director of Safety & Security – City personnel, including the chief of police meet regularly with the District's Safety and Security Director concerning crime, safety and security issues involving schools and students. This degree of school-police communication is exceptional in municipal policing.
- Anti-theft Program at Greeley West High – The School Resource Officer assigned to West High has begun a trial program to reduce thefts of cell phones, iPods and similar devices through a registration and marking program. The program is intended to deter theft as well as make an item easier to recover if it is stolen.
- Traffic Control for special events – Officers provide traffic control for homecoming parades and other school events when requested.

Water Department

- Annual Water Festival – Each year, the City’s Water Conservation program (along with Public Works Stormwater) sponsor the Water Festival. About 1200 fourth graders and 150 teachers, parents and volunteers attend. This is a full day of hands-on water education activities.
- Caring for Our Watersheds Competition – The City sponsors this activity with the Poudre Learning Center for high school and middle school students.
- Brentwood Middle School Science Fair – City staff support the fair by judging and helping students develop their projects and displays.
- 8th Grade Career Fair – Water Conservation staff provide a booth and presentations.
- Career Choices Curriculum – Water Conservation staff participated on the committee that developed curriculum to assist students in taking classes that will benefit them when choosing a career. Staff assisted teachers and students by conducting mock interviews with students in their business classes.
- Classroom Presentations – Presentations are made to classes when requested along with printed materials and resources.
- Water Efficiency Facility Audits – The Water Conservation program has provided audits and technical assistance to District 6 staff to improve water efficiency in District buildings.
- Xeriscape gardens – Technical assistance and grant money have been given to schools to develop and implement Xeric projects.
- Continuing Education for Teachers – City staff have sponsored/conducted training opportunities for teacher Continuing Education credits.

Community Development

- Comprehensive Plan – This community planning tool has a chapter dedicated to Education with numerous policies supporting the strategic siting of schools, promoting joint use opportunities and shared facilities, extending learning opportunities for High School student internships, etc.
- Classroom Presentations – City staff often speak to classes about community planning and environmental issues and careers.
- Sidewalks – The City has allocated and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in targeted Redevelopment Areas to install sidewalks with a priority being school routes.
- School Siting Process – Community Development staff worked with District staff to develop school siting policies for new school construction.
- Jefferson Elementary Playground Equipment – The Greeley Urban Renewal Authority utilized federal Community Development Block Grant funds to improve the playground as a joint school and neighborhood improvement effort.
- East Memorial School Pedestrian Safety – Community Development Block Grant funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development were used to install warning flashers for students.
- Poudre Learning Center – The City has assisted with efforts to protect the facility from nearby oil & gas development.