



Greeley's proud heritage rooted in cultural diversity.
Coming up in September – Oktoberfest & Potato Day.



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Check out the Summer Happenings community events calendar to find out how to extend your summer fun through September. There's still plenty of fun outdoor festivals, live music and more coming up.

City Financial Condition

How are we doing?

by Roy H. Otto, Greeley City Manager

So much of the national news lately has been filled with talk about Federal spending and the national debt and deficit. For many people that begs the question, "if the federal government has deep debt and deficit spending, then what do the City of Greeley's finances look like?" With all that talk out there in the community and in the media, you probably have questions yourself.

I can assure you that given all that has happened to our City's finances over the past 3 to 4 years, we are doing fine right now. In fact, because of actions taken during that time, we are doing better than a lot of cities. I can't say that without acknowledging all that our employees have done to help keep our head's above water in terms of keeping a balanced budget.

Many people I talk to think that we're on the right track managing costs, while doing the best we can to maintain a high level of service for residents. You can now see proof that the City's team of

Centennial Village Hosts 25th Annual Potato Day



Enjoy this fun and delicious tradition on Saturday, September 10 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Greeley's Centennial Village Museum as the Friends of the Greeley Museums host the 25th Annual Potato Day. There's plenty to do, see and taste - experience over 30 living history demonstrations such as blacksmithing, china and porcelain painting, embroidery, printing, rope making, telegraphy, tortilla making, woodstove cooking and more, plus musicians and dancers, food booths, and a children's hand-on area. Potatoes are provided courtesy of Martin Produce and will be served until 2 p.m. or until they're gone. Admission is \$6 for ages 12 and over; \$4 for kids 3-11 and includes a free baked potato and toppings. Ages two and under are free. Visit www.centennialvillagemuseum.com for details.

employees has done a good job—we have published on our website the results of a financial “check up” recently completed by an outside national accounting firm. Their analysis supports the idea that we’ve done a credible job handling the recession and keeping the City financially sound. Go to www.greeleygov.com and select the Gov Transparency tab; then scroll down to the Financial Check Up link.

Election Day 2011 November 1 Candidates Running for Greeley Mayor and Council



On November 1, the City will participate in a coordinated election with Weld County. Greeley's portion of the ballot includes candidates for Mayor, Council At-Large, Council Ward I and Ward IV with a total of seven individuals running for these four open seats. This will be a mail ballot election and active, registered voters will automatically receive a ballot by mail October 11-14. If you do not receive a ballot by October 19, call 970-304-6525. To check your status, go to www.greeleygov.com/cityclerk or call 970-304-6525. Registered voters with an "inactive" status may vote but will need to request a ballot from the Weld County Election Office. The last day to register is October 3. To view a sample Greeley ballot, visit www.greeleygov.com.

Operation Bear Aware is Back!

This “shop local” campaign started last year by UNC students is a hit with students and businesses. This semester over 60 Greeley businesses are signed up with special offers for students. All students registered at local participating businesses are eligible to win prizes and are added to the tally of participants that hopefully will reach 6,000 students during this school year. When it does, the City will work with the University to rename a portion of 11th Avenue where it traverses the campus. What will it be called? Yup, “Bear Boulevard.” If you know a UNC student, encourage them to go to www.obagreeley.com or www.facebook.com/obagreeley, then shop at local participating businesses. If you know a business owner or manager in Greeley, have them contact Kim at the Greeley Chamber of Commerce, 352-3566 or kim@greeleychamber.com.



Annual Dance September 16

On Friday, September 16, Greeley's Commission on Disabilities will host its 4th annual dance from 6-9 p.m. It's free, including refreshments, and everyone's invited! A live D.J. from Pirate Radio will entertain in the Greeley Downtown Recreation Center auxiliary gym located at 651 10th Ave.

Need more info?

Contact Laurie at 970-350-9561.



Union Colony Civic Center
701 10th Avenue
356-5000 ~ ucstars.com

September 5 *Sold Out*

Willie Nelson - 7:00pm

September 25

Travel Film: Morocco - 2:00pm

[All Fall Shows Now on Sale!](#)



Real or Rumor? Greeley cops write traffic tickets just to boost revenue for the City.

Rumor! At least in Greeley's case, this is simply a rumor. Police Chief Jerry Garner says that Greeley police officers write traffic tickets as part of the effort to reduce traffic accidents and make Greeley a safer place for motorists and pedestrians. Why? Because it's a time-proven concept that tickets written for hazardous moving violations, that is, the violations that cause accidents, have the effect of reducing accidents in any community, whether that community is Dallas, TX; Platteville, Colorado; or Greeley. Greeley's officers have emphasized writing summonses for hazardous violations (speeding, drunk driving, running red lights and stop signs, fail to yield the right-of-way, and careless driving) for several years. Not coincidentally, the overall trend for several years is that serious accidents have trended steadily downwards. The old saying "cops just write tickets to produce revenue" is very likely heard in every town and city in America. Fines go into the City's general fund, not to the Police Department.

Paint the Town Gold in Greeley

September 19-24

Show your community and town-gown spirit! With UNC fall semester starting and students and student athletes back in town, it's time to give them a warm welcome. Everyone in Greeley is invited to attend the Bears pep rally, bonfire, homecoming game, parade, pancake breakfast and other cool events September 19-24. For a full schedule of events, visit www.unco.edu/homecoming.





900 8th Avenue • 350-9402
www.greeleyicehaus.com

Skate School Free Fun Skate

September 3 & October 22 • 12:30-1pm

6th Annual Anniversary Skate

September 24 • 12-1:30pm
 Mountain View Skating Club exhibition,
 FREE public skate session, door prizes
 and games

Skate School Basic Skills Program

Registration deadline: September 9

Youth Recreational Hockey

Registration deadline: September 15

Hockey Club Program

Registration deadline: September 18

Adult Hockey

C/D League registration deadline:
 September 20

Novice League registration deadline:
 October 2



Greeley Recreation Center
 651 10th Ave - 970-350-9400

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Weld Project Connect Needs YOU

Weld Project Connect is a one-day event set for October 14 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Island Grove Park in Greeley. The event will provide on-site, one-on-one services for individuals and families in Weld County who are struggling with foreclosure, job loss, health issues, food needs, and many other critical issues. Volunteers are needed from all backgrounds and experience levels to help our neighbors regain their footing in life. Volunteers can sign up for various responsibilities such as helping attendees navigate each of the service areas, help with set up or take down and as well as other needs during the event. Weld Project Connect is a great opportunity for those in need to be connected with critical services that day and also an opportunity for community members to connect with their neighbors. For more information and/or to fill out a volunteer form, call 211 or 1-800-559-5590 or visit the website at www.weldprojectconnect.org. Event sponsors include NCMC, Inc; Banner Health-North Colorado Medical Center; JBS; City of Greeley; Weld County; The Tribune; United Way of Weld County; and numerous other event partners.



Securing Greeley's Water Future

The mission of Greeley's Water & Sewer Department is to make sure that the community has a secure water supply. A Four Point Plan was developed to accomplish this goal.

- Improve water conservation. Greeley's program is one of the largest and most successful in Colorado and has reduced water demand by more than 20% in recent years.
- Maintain and upgrade infrastructure. Greeley is strengthening its infrastructure including the Bellvue Pipeline, a new 30-mile, 60-inch diameter pipeline that delivers high-quality mountain water to Greeley. The project is currently two-thirds complete.
- Purchase water. Population projections show the need for more water for the future. Competition for water supplies is increasing and water is getting more expensive. Greeley is working with willing sellers to buy additional water before it



1501 65th Avenue • 350-9401

www.familyfunplex.com

FFaR - Fun Fitness and Recreation

Pay just \$3 for Family FunPlex admission from 3-5pm, Monday-Friday or just \$2.50 at the Greeley Recreation Center with student ID.

Fall Membership Discount

Membership good for both: Family FunPlex & Greeley Recreation Center - Get a 3 month membership for the price of 2! Offer good through October 31.



Sunrise Neighborhood Free Walking Tour

The final Historic Preservation walking tour of 2011 will feature Greeley's Sunrise Neighborhood. The free tour begins at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 19 at the northwest corner of Sunrise Park (the intersection of 4th Avenue and 11th Street). Greeley's Historic Preservation Specialist Betsy Kellums will talk about the history of the area and lead the tour.

becomes unavailable.

- Expand storage. Greeley and Fort Collins are working to expand Milton Seaman and Halligan reservoirs. The goal is to increase the capacity of Seaman Reservoir for Greeley.

Learn more about Greeley's water system at

www.greeleygov.com/water.

Move Over - It's the Law

In 2005 the State of Colorado issued a new law to protect law enforcement and other emergency personnel stopped along roadsides throughout the state. This law, commonly called the "Move Over Law" requires drivers to slow down and move to a lane away from where the emergency vehicle is located, and if no other lane is available, to slow down and provide as much of a margin of safety as possible. Since 1999, in law enforcement alone, over 150 officers have been struck and killed by vehicles along America's highways, and many others, such as firefighters, medical staff, and maintenance crews have been killed. More than 40 states have these laws and now Colorado is one of them. In Colorado a four point ticket can be issued



for not moving over. So, slow down, "Move Over", and give the emergency workers and others all the room and safety possible.

Turn it Down and SAVE!

If your lawn could talk, it might tell you that it's drinking too much in September. That's because many homeowners still water their lawns like it's July. Although it may still be hot on some days, it's not hot for the whole day, so you'll only need half of the water you did in July. Follow these tips to save water and money: Only use 1 or 2 of your assigned watering days.

- Water trees and shrubs once a month during the fall and winter. A recent change in watering restrictions allows you to use a hose-end sprinkler to water trees and shrubs, whenever needed.



Greeley Public Works

has added over
3,000 square yards
of new or repaired
sidewalks in the
Sunrise Neighborhood
since Summer 2010
- just for your
walking pleasure.



Every Saturday morning local vendors bring their super-delicious produce, grass-fed beef, flavorful European-style breads, handmade jewelry, soaps, photo art, crocheted items and much more to **Greeley's Farmers' Market** at the Depot. Relax in the outdoor Bistro and while watching cooking demonstrations enjoy live music over a cup of coffee and a breakfast burrito or pastry. On the last Saturday of the month, check out the Artists' Market featuring even more local indie art. Don't forget the Wednesday afternoon market. It's a great place to stop and

- Core aerate your lawn in September or October. Lawn aeration allows air, water and nutrients access to the root system for a better looking and more healthy lawn.
- People stop watering the lawn in mid-October, although you should let the weather guide your outdoor water use.

Get more information by visiting www.greeleygov.com/wc.

Road Repairs Continue

Greeley's Public Works staff is managing numerous street repair and maintenance projects this summer and fall. Here's the status of those activities:

Street Maintenance	Total Funding	Completion Status
Concrete Repair	\$200,000	40%
Crack Seal	\$518,000	65%
Rejuvenating Seal Coat	\$347,000	80%
Chip Seal (Starts Sept)	\$913,000	0%
Patching	\$700,000	60%
Overlay/Reconstruction	\$2,742,000	50%
Pavement Management	\$60,000	70%
Bridge Maintenance	\$50,000	20%
Pavement Striping	\$120,000	30%
Total	\$5,650,000	

As of August 30, 2011.

This year's program:

- Street Overlay - 7 miles
- Rejuvenate Seal Coat - 30 miles
- Chip Seal - 17 miles
- Crack Seal - 25 miles
- Pavement Patching - 15,000 square yards
- Bridge Repair - 7 surfaces

Get additional information at www.greeleygov.com; select the "Street Stuff" link.

get some fresh corn, veggies, bread and more for a quick and easy supper. The Market is located downtown at 902 7th Avenue. Open Saturdays 7:30 to noon and Wednesdays 3 to 6 p.m.



Greeley Oktoberfest 2011

It's that time again, time to enjoy Greeley's annual Oktoberfest, Friday, September 23 and Saturday, September 24 at Lincoln Park in historic Downtown Greeley. The weekend kicks off on Friday evening from 5-10 p.m. with great beer, brats, games, and a free concert featuring The Polkanauts, and headliner Jocamo. Then celebrate on Saturday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. with polka, German music, food, crafts, a wide variety of craft brews, and more. And there's something new—Greeley Oktoberfest collector's ceramic steins!

Oktoberfest is a family friendly event that offers a great Children's Area including an inflatable slide and obstacle course, pumpkins to decorate and lots of games. There is

GET Offers Free Travel Training

Personal mobility, the ability to get from point A to point B, is usually taken for granted—we simply choose to start our car and drive—it's rare that we think of those who can't. However, many Greeley residents have



challenges accessing transportation on a daily basis. For those who need assistance there is now travel training to help them become riders on Greeley-Evans Transit's bus-stop-to-bus-stop system. For information, contact Mike at Greeley-Evans Transit: 970-350-9283 or mike.yost@greeleygov.com.

Upcoming Board & Commission Openings

Each month, several openings on Greeley's volunteer boards and commissions occur, mostly due to volunteers' terms running out. Thus, City staff is continually recruiting applicants for these openings. Currently, and in the coming month, there will be opportunities for residents on the Art Commission, Commission on Disabilities, Historic Preservation Commission, Human Relations Commission, Stormwater Board, and Urban Renewal Authority. If you have an interest in helping your community, visit the City's website, www.greeleygov.com, or contact Russell, 970-350-9741 or russ.lenhart@greeleygov.com, for more information.



Have You Registered?

Opt-in for emergency notifications. Once registered, you will receive voice notifications when the area is impacted by a disaster or emergency.

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also a craft vendor area featuring jewelry, handbags, handmade soap and more. Admission to Oktoberfest is free. For a full entertainment schedule, visit www.greeleydowntown.com.

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