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## Resident Input Wanted on Water Resources & Fiscal Responsibility

*by Roy H. Otto, Greeley City Manager*

On Tuesday, August 23, the Greeley City Council will have a public discussion with residents about two issues: the City's fiscal condition including the handling of recessionary impacts and the City of Greeley's on-going effort to plan for future water needs.

Many people I talk to think that we're on the right track keeping the budget balanced, while still investing in Greeley's future by securing water rights and building a pipeline from the mouth of the Poudre Canyon to Greeley. For City officials to accurately assess how Greeley residents really feel about these two essential areas of city government, we need your input.

On Tuesday, August 23 at the Northridge High School cafeteria (100 N. 71st Avenue) these two areas will be explored with residents who would like to hear more about the City's fiscal condition and the need to secure Greeley's water future. This [Speak Up](#) session will include use of an electronic input system, shared with the City of Loveland that let's residents *Speak Up* anonymously. Of course, we'll also have



Bring a picnic, meet your neighbors  
and enjoy great  
FREE entertainment!  
The movie begins at dusk  
and the concert at 7pm.

### August 5

#### Shark Tale (PG)

Balsam Park, Balsam Avenue & 24  
St.

Free swim at Discovery Bay from 6-  
8pm sponsored by Sears Real  
Estate, then walk across the street  
to enjoy the movie!

### August 12

#### Chris Daniels & The Kings

Twin Rivers Amphitheatre, 1501  
65th Ave.

Concert and summer fun with face  
painters, balloon artists, horse &  
carriage rides, inflatables plus 1/2  
price swim & mini-golf at the Family  
FunPlex from 6pm to close.

All movies are close captioned for  
the hearing impaired. **Glass  
containers and pets are not  
allowed in Greeley parks. Please  
don't litter!** Information: 970-350-  
9401. Presenting sponsors: City of  
Greeley and Sears Real Estate.  
Co-Sponsors: Building Healthy  
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District, Public Service Credit  
Union, The Tribune.

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opportunities for input at the mic and in writing for those who are  
interested in speaking up that way.

Please plan on attending so that we can hear from Greeley residents.

## Greeley Arts Picnic 2011



Greeley's Arts Picnic drew thousands of local and regional residents to  
the city for three sunny days of free entertainment, tasty festival  
foods, fun at the Kid's Creation Station and shopping at over 150  
vendors.

## Personal Responsibility Best Response to Mosquitos

The City of Greeley does not currently have a mosquito control  
program, and since 1994 has really only done emergency spraying for  
these little pests when the threat of West Nile virus  
was high. The City relies on the Weld County Health  
Department to determine when the threat of disease  
is to the point that action should be taken, thus the  
City has only sprayed when it is absolutely necessary to protect public  
health. This year the Health Department has been trapping mosquitoes  
in Greeley and Evans and has not found high numbers of Culex  
mosquitoes (disease carriers). The mosquitoes being caught are mainly  
Aedes mosquitoes (non-disease carriers); however, the Aedes are  
aggressive biters. To date, no West Nile Virus human cases have been  
reported in Weld County. The recommendation at this point is for  
residents to take action to protect themselves by following the **Four  
D's**: **Dress** with long sleeves and pants to protect yourself; stay indoors



## August Family Fun!



900 8th Avenue • 350-9402

[www.greeleyicehaus.com](http://www.greeleyicehaus.com)

### Super Hero Saturday

August 20 • Noon-1:30pm

Dress up as your favorite super hero and get \$1 off admission. See exhibitions by the Mountain View Skating Club and take a free 30-minute group lesson. \$4 admission for adults and kids, \$1 ages 4 and under, \$2 skate rental

### Back to School Bash

August 29 • 7:15-10pm

Receive \$1 off admission

### August Beat the Heat Special

Public Skate Sessions are only \$4 including skate rental through August. Summer hours run through August 18.

Monday-Friday, Noon-2:45pm

Saturday & Sunday, Noon-1:30pm

### Cosmic Skating

Friday & Saturday Nights • 7:15-8:45pm

### Family Skate

Tuesday & Thursday, Noon-1:30pm

Wednesday Nights, 6:15-7:45pm

\$12 for 2 adults & up to 4 kids including skate rental

or protected at *Dusk* and *Dawn* when mosquitoes are most active; *Drain* standing water to prevent mosquito hatches; use mosquito repellent with *DEET*.



**Real or Rumor?** The City has huge debt and borrows money every year to cover expenses.

**This is definitely a rumor!** With budget time right around the corner, this is a great time to talk about this one.

City Finance Director Tim Nash confirms that the City only incurs debt to finance major capital projects much like the average citizen incurs debt to buy a house or a vehicle. When the City does incur debt for a capital project, the project must have a useful life as long as or longer than the payoff period for the debt that was incurred to pay for the project. The City never incurs any debt to pay its ongoing bills. This also means that the City does not borrow money to make payments on outstanding debt. To sum it up, the City must have a balanced budget with revenue matching or exceeding expenses. This pays for day-to-day operations and services for residents. When debt is incurred, it is only when necessary for a major project.

Don't forget to tune in to the *Real or Rumor* show with Aimee Freeland and Cheryl Aragon on GTV8, Greeley's government access channel. You can also see them on YouTube and catch all 13 editions of the show as well as new editions being added every two weeks. Cheryl and Aimee chat, joke and laugh while confirming or dispelling local rumors. You can check out the entire GTV8 schedule, and our YouTube and *Real or Rumor Fake Fan Page* links at [www.greeleygov.com/gtv8](http://www.greeleygov.com/gtv8).

**Tree Problems? Try eConsult First.**



1501 65th Avenue • 350-9401  
[www.familyfunplex.com](http://www.familyfunplex.com)

**Summer Family Nights at River Run Adventure Golf**

Through August 17  
 Monday-Friday • 5-8pm  
 \$15 for 2 adults & up to 4 kids for 18 holes of miniature golf

**Farmers' Market is Happenin' at the Depot**



The [Greeley Farmers' Market](#) is a happenin' place! Every Saturday morning local vendors bring their super-delicious produce, grass-fed beef, flavorful European-style breads and much more. Did you know the market has BBQ and breakfast burritos? Yummmeee! And if you're looking for a unique gift for a loved one (or yourself) you can shop the market - all items are handmade by local artists and crafters - jewelry, soaps, photo art, crocheted items and more. Relax in the Bistro while enjoying live music over a cup of coffee and a breakfast burrito or pastry, watch cooking demonstrations, meet old friends and make new friends. On the last Saturday of the month check out the Artists' Market featuring even more

Visit the city of Greeley Forestry's new *eConsult* tool at [www.greeleyforestry.org](http://www.greeleyforestry.org) for assistance diagnosing and treating problems affecting your trees. Use this as your first resource when you see signs that something is wrong. You'll find this to be a handy resource for determining the most common disease and pest issues that affect the more popular tree species in our area. Links are also provided to various reputable sites such as The Morton Arboretum, Colorado State University, PlantTalk Colorado, and the Colorado State Forest Service. Staff is available to help with any problem not listed on *eConsult*, and they are still available to do an individual consultation as time allows.



**Road Repairs - Food Tax & Carry Over Funding Helps**

Funding from the sales tax on food, plus dollars that were not spent in 2010 due to budget cutbacks are being used this year to pave, repair and maintain roads in Greeley. This will improve several roads, but is still a long way from repairing and maintaining all of our roads. It's estimated that \$10-12 million dollars is needed annually to fix and maintain city streets.

This year's program includes:

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

Greeley has 356 miles of streets. Additional information about 2011 street maintenance can be found at [www.greeleygov.com](http://www.greeleygov.com). On the home page select "Road Projects Are Here" and "Street Stuff".

See below chart:

local indie art.

Don't forget the Wednesday afternoon market. It's a great place to stop and get some fresh corn, veggies, bread and more for a quick and easy supper. The Greeley Farmers' Market at the Depot is downtown at 902 7th Avenue. Open Saturdays 7:30 to noon and Wednesdays 3 to 6 pm.

It's time for juicy West Slope peaches, so here's this month's feature recipe - [Peach Sorbet](#).

Greeley boasts over 30 neighborhood and community parks, plus dog parks, special use parks - over 600 acres of open space or conservation areas.

Street Maintenance Program	Food Tax Funding	2010 General Fund Carry Over	Total Funding
Concrete Repair	\$150,000	\$50,000	\$200,000
Crack Seal	\$518,000		\$518,000
Seal Coat/Chip Seal	\$600,000	\$660,000	\$1,260,000
Patching	\$500,000	\$200,000	\$700,000
Overlay/ Reconstruction	\$1,622,000	\$1,120,000	\$2,742,000
Pavement Management Administration	\$60,000		\$60,000
Bridge Maintenance	\$50,000		\$50,000
Pavement Striping		\$120,000	\$120,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,500,000</b>	<b>\$2,150,000</b>	<b>\$5,650,000</b>

## Get There Safe & Sound

It's here! It's summertime, along with trips to the mountains, the lake, the swimming pool and of course, all our other favorite vacation spots. In the quest to "get there" and have fun, we need to remember the goal is to get there and get home safely. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration stats are showing a downward trend in traffic fatalities, harkening back to levels approaching the same number of fatalities as in the 1950s. Still, it's important to keep in mind that almost 34,000 people died in traffic accidents in the United States in 2009. Serious injury accidents and fatalities have gone down, primarily due to technological safety advancements in vehicles, driver education and specific enforcement activities. In one study, the number of fatal traffic accidents nationwide decreased by almost 10% from 2008 to 2009. That trend has continued into 2010, and hopefully will be the case in 2011. Drive defensively, don't drink and drive, and have a safe summer!





## A Historic Talk & Walk in the Park

It's your last chance to attend a Historic Preservation Lunch 'n Learn for 2011. Mike Peters, long time Greeley Tribune reporter, will wrap up this series with a presentation on the history of newspapers on August 25 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Greeley History Museum, 714 8th Street. In addition to Mr. Peters' lunch time lecture, there will also be a walking tour about Greeley's visionary park, Glenmere, and the rare and significant trees in the Glenmere area. The tour begins at 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 1 starting at the playground at the west end of the park. City Forestry Manager Shiloh Hatcher will talk about the trees and Historic Preservation Specialist Betsy Kellums will describe the history of Glenmere and how the area represents different ideas in city planning.

## Don't Waste Outdoor Water

Did you know that a garden hose delivers up to 10 gallons of water per minute? When water flows that fast, it is easily wasted. Here are five ways to be more efficient when using water outside.

1. Always use a restrictive nozzle when watering plants, flowers, gardens or shrubs.
2. Sweep patios, sidewalks, driveways and other paved surfaces; don't use the hose to wash them off.
3. When washing your car at home, use a restrictive nozzle that you can shut off. If possible, wash your car at a carwash that recycles water.
4. Check outdoor faucets and hoses for leaks.
5. If you water your lawn with a hose-end sprinkler, set a timer so you don't forget to move it or turn it off.



Get more information on efficient lawn watering and water conservation at [www.greeleygov.com/wc](http://www.greeleygov.com/wc). Follow Greeley Water Conservation on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for conservation tips and information.

## Volunteers Give Back to the Community

Why volunteer? Because your community needs you! The City is seeking interested residents for opportunities on the following volunteer boards and commissions: Citizen Transportation Advisory Board, Downtown Development Authority, Human Relations Commission, Judicial Review Board, Museum Board, Planning Commission, Stormwater Board, and Urban Renewal Authority. For more information visit [www.greeleygov.com](http://www.greeleygov.com) or contact Russell at 350-9741 or [russ.lenhart@greeleygov.com](mailto:russ.lenhart@greeleygov.com).





### 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.

[Get connected!](#)

## Poudre Trail Cleanup Complete

Thanks in large part to the work of dedicated volunteers along with community service volunteers, the Poudre Trail looks clean and appealing for trail users once again. Flood waters left behind mud and other debris that volunteer crews were able to remove soon after the spring runoff flood waters receded. The Trail requires many hours of work to maintain its pristine appearance, much of which is completed by volunteers. If you'd like to help with future events and educational programs, call 970-336-4044 or fill out a volunteer form at [www.poudretrail.org](http://www.poudretrail.org).



**Citizens Committee for  
Community Development is  
seeking new members who  
can represent:**

- Neighborhoods within the boundaries of the Greeley Urban Renewal Authority (low-moderate income)
- Elderly
- Disabled

**Download Application**



**No Matter How You Say It, It's Fun!**

**Aims Community College in Greeley**

**August 2-6**

This year's Chautauqua theme "Visionaries at Home and Abroad," includes citizens whose scientific or literary accomplishments earned them a place in history: Charles Darwin, W.E.B. Du Bois,

Emily Dickinson, Margaret Fuller, C.S. Lewis, Henry Adams, Marie Curie, Walt Whitman, and Abraham Lincoln will be featured. The free, five-day festival is produced by Greeley community members in partnership with the Colorado Humanities and the generosity of sponsors including the City of Greeley Museums, individual donors, and many dedicated volunteers. For detailed information, go to [www.highplainschautauqua.org](http://www.highplainschautauqua.org) or call the Greeley Convention and Visitors Bureau at 970-352-3567.

### **Pre-Chautauqua Special Event ~ TODAY (August 1)**

To commemorate Weld County's 150th anniversary, "High Plains Chautauqua Symposium: Visions of Weld County and Northern Colorado" will be presented at the High Plains Library District Building, 2650 W. 29th Street in Greeley. This free, all-day event will feature panel discussions of northern Colorado visionaries of the past and future and presentations about water and energy in Northern Colorado's future.

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