



Greeley's a Great place to be for Turkey Day. See this edition for a ton of fun Stuff. Happy Thanksgiving!



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Election 2011

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Congratulations to Mayor Tom Norton and Council member Robb Casseday as well as our unopposed Ward I and Ward IV council members Charlie Archibeque and Mike Finn. They'll all be serving new terms helping Greeley reach its potential as a City that's great from the Ground Up. There's always room for improvement and that's where we're headed with the help of our elected officials, our great City staff and residents.

Thanks for Stepping Up After the Storm

I want to thank residents for stepping up to help their neighbors and City crews clear the incredible volume of broken tree limbs from yards and streets after the fall storm. It's truly taking a huge effort to deal with the debris. Please help us by taking your limbs to the free drop site near Island Grove Park. If you're not able to do that, put them at the curb by November 7 and we'll do our best to get them hauled to the site. (Free mulch is now available at the drop site.) We will continue to keep you informed with [storm clean up updates](#).



**Festival of Trees
at the
Union Colony Civic
Center**

Celebrate the holidays with a stroll through a winter wonderland of beautifully decorated trees and wreathes, enjoy holiday choirs and musicians, visits with Santa, a gingerbread house decorating demonstration, horse & carriage rides, kid's crafts, door prizes, face painters, fire-truck rides, a silent auction and the Whoville Holiday Seussebration! all at the Union Colony Civic Center. That's a quick taste of what you'll find at this year's Festival of Trees, November 26-December 3 presented by the City of Greeley and the Philharmonic Guilds. Admission: \$1 for children 1-12 years of age and seniors 60 & older; \$2 for adults. Purchase tickets at the UCCC Ticket Office or call 970-356-5000. In conjunction with the Festival, the Silver Bells Social for seniors will be November 30 from 1-3 p.m., the Snowflakes and Satin Fashion Show & Luncheon takes place December 1 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and the Teddy Bear Bash is scheduled for December 3 from 9-11 a.m. There is an additional charge for these three events and tickets are limited so call the ticket office today! For hours and activities call 970-350-9451 or visit www.greeleyfestivaloftrees.com. Proceeds benefit the UCCC and Philharmonic Guilds.

Council Sets Balanced Budget for 2012

The City of Greeley operates with a calendar year annual budget on a 2-year budget cycle. In October, the City Council completed revisions to the second year of the 2011-2012 budget. The revised budget was adopted on October 18 after the Council held public hearings on October 4 and 18 as well as a public workshop in August. The budget, as adopted, includes total appropriations of \$266.6 million with \$198.8 million for operations and \$67.8 million for capital improvements. Revenue from sales tax, property tax, fees for service, grants and other sources support community services such as police and fire protection, recreation and parks, streets and bridges, water and sewer service and much more. For more information go to www.greeleygov.com and select the Gov Transparency tab on the homepage.



New Dog Park Now Open

Greeley's newest park has gone to the dogs! Waggin' Tail Dog Park is now open to two and four legged residents. The park is located at 711 E. 24th Street just north of Discovery Bay water park. Waggin' Tail offers three acres of irrigated and landscaped romping room for you and your best friend. Three divided paddocks allow for separation of larger and smaller dog varieties while providing City staff the ability to rotate areas of high use. Please bring water and a leash and abide by the posted guidelines! Enter through the main entrance for Discovery Bay—parking is at the south end of the park.



Special thanks! City staff thanks the Greeley Kennel Club for the donation of 37 trees that were planted at the park. These young trees will provide plenty of shade in the coming years.



Santa Cops Brighten the Holidays Can You Help?

For some families, the holidays may not be as plentiful or fun because of financial hardships brought about by the recession or other life changing events. Santa Cops is a program that brings a little more holiday cheer to these local families by providing a Christmas gift to a child who otherwise might not receive one. Local law enforcement officers, schools, Weld County Social Services and the Probation Department refer families with children from infancy to age 17 to Santa Cops. In its first year, which was over 25 years ago, about 300 children in Greeley were provided presents for Christmas. Last year, over 1,122 families were referred and 3,390 gifts were provided to children in Greeley and Weld County. Gifts are wrapped by volunteers and delivered beginning the first week of December.

Interested in volunteering?

Call or email Officer Mark Forgue at 970-350-9659 or mark.forgue@greeleypd.com to volunteer.



Real or Rumor? The city is putting down crushed rock and tar sealers on city streets when they should be repaving them.

This is a rumor. The city uses 5 techniques to maintain and repair roads. Street overlay, seal coat, chip seal, crack seal and pavement patching. A good way to explain why all these methods are used goes like this: if you're car only needs an oil change, you wouldn't replace the whole engine, would you? That's how it works with road maintenance too. Clean oil extends the life of the engine. A seal coat or chip seal does the same thing; it extends the life of the road. The different techniques are used depending on the condition of the road. Some just need that "oil change," while others need complete replacement because they're too worn out to fix. Cost is also an issue. Check this out. A complete overlay costs approximately \$74,000 per block, while a sealcoat is \$4,600 per block. Get more info about road maintenance at www.greeleygov.com; select the "Street Stuff" link.

GTV8's Award Winning Programming & More on YouTube

The City's Real or Rumor Show recently won a national Silver Circle award from the City County Communications and Marketing Association, 3CMA. Judges picked the show from among all those submitted from across the country in the talk show and news programming video category. A big, big GTV8 thanks goes to our talented co-hosts Cheryl Aragon and Aimee Freeland who's energy and talent truly make the show award winning. 3CMA Judge's comments included, "Great concept! Greeley nailed it! The talent is lively and engaging. The entire judging team loved this entry!"

Want to watch it? Comcast Cable TV provides the City of Greeley with use of a cable TV channel that has helped the City create award



Ice is Nice!



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

Skate Your Turkey Off at the Ice Haus

November 25 • 12-5pm

Skate off those extra turkey and stuffing pounds! Admission is just \$3 and skate rental is free with a donation of 2 non-perishable food items for the Weld Food Bank. Skate rental w/out donation is \$2.

Ice Haus 6th Annual Historic Skate

November 26 • 7:15-10pm

Imagine the quaint old Lincoln Park pond indoors at the Ice Haus and you're picturing the Historic Skate. Admission \$4, ages 4 & under are \$1 - Free admission with a donated new toy; \$2 skate rental.

Holiday Ice Showcase

December 9 • 6-7pm

December 10 • 2-3pm

See USFSA sanctioned Skate School and Mountain View Skating club members perform. Admission is \$7; \$2 for Skate School participants; children 3 & under free. Tickets on sale now.



winning programming like the Real or Rumor Show. We've now taken some of our programming one step further by uploading it to YouTube. If you're not a Comcast subscriber, you can still check out *Real or Rumor*, *Inside Greeley* and *Issue Talk* at www.youtube.com/CityofGreeley.

Slow Down for the School Zones!

Crayons, backpacks, bicycles, notebooks, pencils and homework . . . these are the things that fill the minds of young children going to and from school. This is also what worries parents, teachers and police officers who want to be sure drivers understand how easy it is for kids to get distracted during their travels. Unlike big yellow school buses that have flashing lights and stop signs when they're unloading kids, all we have are school zones to keep motorists focused on safe, slow driving around schools. That's why school zones are high on the priority list for strong enforcement activity by the Police Department. Large flashing yellow lights are located in almost all school zones now and operate during the time children would be present. In all zones, the 20 mph speed limit is clearly marked at the beginning of the zone, and you are required to reduce your speed prior to entering the zone. Crosswalks are also clearly marked, and when occupied by a pedestrian you must, by law, yield to them. Just an important and friendly reminder that can save a child's life; slow down for the school zones!



Road Repairs Wrapping Up

Most of this year's repair and maintenance work on Greeley's roads, including an additional \$1 million that was added by the City Council, are complete. Here's the status of the project areas including those funded by those additional dollars:

Street Maintenance	Total Funding	Completion Status
Concrete Repair	\$ 223,900	75%
Crack Seal	518,000	65%
Rejuvenating Seal Coat	347,000	100%
Chip Seal	913,000	100%
Patching	700,000	80%

Selma's Store Holiday Sale

Find unique and fun items for friends and family of all ages just in time for the holidays at Selma's Store in historic Centennial Village Museum. The Museums' doors will open for the annual holiday sale November 25-December 23, Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. You won't believe the great deals at Selma's unless you stop by and see the sale prices, including many items marked down 50%. There's an assortment of ethnic cookbooks including Scandinavian, Hispanic, German and Russian, plus hand-painted porcelain, jewelry, gourmet teas and chocolates, nuts, kitchen items, toys games, old fashioned candies and holiday ornaments. Visitors may also enter a drawing for a gift basket valued at \$50. No purchase is necessary to enter the drawing which will be held at the close of the holiday sale. You'll find the Village and Selma's Store at 14th Avenue and A Street. For more information call 970-350-9220.



Union Colony Civic Center
356-5000 ~ UCSTARS.COM

Upcoming Shows:

November 6

Menopause: The Musical, 2:00 & 6:00pm

Overlay/Reconstruction	3,718,100	85%
Pavement Management	60,000	50%
Bridge Maintenance	50,000	80%
Pavement Striping	120,000	90%
Total	\$6,650,000	

This year's program:

- Street Overlay - 8.6 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.

Three Traffic Signals Retiring

Sometimes the best thing to do with an old traffic light is to retire it.

In this case, it looks like that will happen to not one, but three signalized intersections this year. This follows a trend which began in 2010 when three intersections on 7th Avenue saw their signals removed. A Public Works study of Greeley's signals this year had staff considering the removal of lights at five intersections. Three were ultimately selected based on their low traffic and pedestrian volumes and minimal traffic crash



history.

- 25th Street & 17th Avenue (will become a 4-way stop)
- 16th Street & 13th Avenue (2-way stop with stop signs on 13th Avenue)
- 13th Street & 9th Avenue (2-way stop with stop signs on 9th Avenue)

When totaled, it's estimated that these changes will save motorists thousands of dollars in fuel costs due to a significant reduction in idling time. Travel will also be faster since there will be reduced wait times. Net direct savings to the city based on maintenance and operational costs and including the cost of new sign installation and maintenance, is approximately \$800 per intersection/per year. So say goodbye to these signals and hello to faster travel around town.

November 10

Vienna Boys Choir, 7:00pm

November 13

Max & Ruby's Bunny Party, 1:00pm

November 20

Church Basement Ladies: Away in the Basement, 2:00pm

November 25

Michael Martin Murphey's Cowboy Christmas Ball, 7:30pm

November 26

Christmas with the King, 7:30pm

November 27

Christmas with the King, 2:00pm

November 29

Mel Brooks Musical - Young Frankenstein, 7:00pm



Weld Project Connect Helps

On one day, in one place, at one time, over 50 services were provided free of charge to residents of Weld County at the first ever [Weld Project Connect](#) event. On October 14, over 500 volunteers helped provide assistance and support to individuals and families who due to foreclosure, job loss, health problems and other critical issues, needed help.

Direct services at the event, held at Island Grove Park, included medical and dental screenings, haircuts, assistance with VA benefits, legal help, Social Security & Medicare assistance, housing/foreclosure counseling, resumé assistance, informal access to Greeley courts and many more. The event was being presented by NCMC Inc., Banner Health-North Colorado Medical Center, City of Greeley, Weld County, The Tribune, United Way of Weld County and with support from various community leaders and volunteers and a long list of partnering and supporting organizations and businesses.

Greeley has a strong volunteer and philanthropic spirit. Residents donate resources and thousands of volunteer hours annually to a multitude of causes and events. Have you volunteered lately?



Greeley-Evans School District 6
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

Star Student at Greeley Central High

Emily Richard, a senior at Greeley Central High School, is pursuing her passion for science and a career in neuro-biology, by combining her interests in biology and psychology. At school, Emily successfully balances academics including taking classes at Aims College, with athletics including being on the tennis team and managing boys tennis, as well as friendships, to get the most out of her school experience.



Volunteer Today!
Help Greeley Reach its Potential

Have an interest in seeing Greeley grow to its potential? If so, you can help by volunteering for one of the upcoming openings on the City's volunteer boards and commissions. If selected, you'll have the opportunity to work with City staff and other residents to improve the community and the quality of life for all residents. If this sounds interesting, visit www.greeleygov.com or contact Russell at 970-350-9741 or 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!](#)



Was Your Home Built Before 1994?

If it was, you may benefit from a free indoor water check-up. The City's Water Conservation Program offers free indoor audits to water customers in Greeley. The program is designed to find leaks and recommend changes for older homes that will help you save money and water. This is a good time of year to

Educator Who Makes A Difference

Mary Billings, a Greeley-Evans School District 6 teacher, is the September 2011 "Educator Who Makes A Difference." Mary is in her 29th year of teaching, including 18 with School District 6, and the last 6 at Franklin Middle School in Greeley. She has nothing but praise for her middle school students noting that these are the people who will be our future doctors, lawyers, nurses and our president. She notes that teaching now is completely different from when she was in school—teachers have to be flexible to get the most out of each student. She encourages everyone in the community to volunteer at any school in the district to see just how great students are and to help them reach their potential.

If you'd like to view a video featuring Emily and Mary go to www.greeleyschools.org.

Brighten Your Saturday After Black Friday

After you've celebrated your Thanksgiving holiday and shopped the Black Friday sales, enjoy a family holiday kickoff in downtown Greeley on Saturday, November 26. Check out more than 25



downtown merchant holiday open houses and stop by the Festival of Trees at the Union Colony Civic Center. When the sun goes down, head over to 9th Avenue and Lincoln Park for the annual Greeley Lights the Nights holiday parade with entries brightly lit for the "Old Fashioned Christmas" theme. The route travels north from 15th Street to Lincoln Park beginning at 5:30 p.m. After the parade, a jolly guest flips the switch to illuminate the holiday lights in Lincoln Park. Complete your day with the Historic Skate at the Ice Haus, dinner at one of our great downtown restaurants, or even the Christmas with the King performance at the Union Colony Civic Center. For more information, contact kparker@greeleychamber.com.

make changes because year-round sewer rates are tied to winter water use. The sewer bill for residential accounts is determined by averaging water use in January and February.

The winter months are when the measuring takes place because that's when the highest percentage of water used goes down the drain into the sewer system. Improve your water conservation this fall to save money on your sewer bill all year. You can sign up for an indoor audit [online](#) or call 970-336-4227 to schedule an appointment.