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### There's Still Time - But Time's Running Out!

If you're one of the 1,500 households to receive a direct mail survey or one of the 1,000 UNC students to receive an email survey, please take a few minutes to respond. It's extremely important that we hear from everyone who received the survey—we're counting on you to represent Greeley households.



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### Great News for Greeley!

*by Roy H. Otto, Greeley City Manager*

Two great announcements in mid-January solidified the Greeley area as the job growth leader in Colorado. Thanks to the Teletech call center, with its 500 new jobs coming this spring to the old south K-Mart building and Halliburton's 500 employee facility planned at the old Kodak site, Greeley will likely see lower unemployment and additional economic recovery.

The addition of more jobs at Leprino and JBS carriers this year is also good news which will help the employment outlook for many



## Great Entertainment Takes Off at Greeley's Museums

### Greeley History Museum

See the Colorado Takes Off! aviation history exhibit.

Information:

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

or 970-350-9220

### Greeley Freight Station Museum

All aboard! at 680 10th Street  
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Sunday 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

970-392-2934

### First Friday Lecture

"Astronomy and Telescopes  
in Weld County"

February 3, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Greeley History Museum  
714 8th Street

Dr. Scott A. Corliss, amateur astronomer, will speak about everything from identifying constellations and planets with the naked eye, to best location in Weld County for stargazing and how to use a telescope.

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residents. This positive news makes great bragging points for Greeley.

Speaking of bragging, back in November of last year, the Greeley Chamber of Commerce teamed up with the City to survey residents in Denver, Colorado Springs and Greeley. They were asked to give their opinions and perceptions about Greeley in an online survey. The results, which were shared with the City Council and the community, are very interesting.

One observation from the survey analysis is that Greeley residents could easily brag about their community more than they do.

We hope that if you're reading the City Scoop, you have an interest in the community and would be willing to tell other people about all the positive aspects of Greeley. To help you I'm providing the links below so that you can see the list of the great things in Greeley. Check them out at [Great. From the Ground Up](#) and [It's Okay to Brag!](#).

Thanks for your help spreading the good news about Greeley.

PS. Our 2011 year-end work program and performance measure report is now available on our GOV Transparency webpage. Go to [www.greeleygov.com](http://www.greeleygov.com) and use the GOV Transparency tab.

## Bittersweet Park Under Repair

One of Greeley's most popular play areas, the playgrounds at Bittersweet Park, are undergoing a near complete renovation including the removal of 90% of the play equipment. New equipment will be installed along with a drainage system and engineered wood fiber for safety surfacing under the equipment. The renovations are slated to be finished this spring.

In the meantime, you're invited to visit one of Greeley's other 29 community and neighborhood parks such as Greeley West Park at 2220 41st Ave; Centennial Park at 23rd Ave and 22nd St; Woodbriar Park at 29th Ave and 19th St; Brentwood Park at 24th Ave and 22nd St; Westmoor Park at 39th Ave and 6th St; and Sherwood Park at 29th Ave and 13th St. For more info call 970-336-4180 or watch the "Park Construction News" link on the City's website, [www.greeleygov.com](http://www.greeleygov.com).





Union Colony Civic Center  
356-5000 ~ [UCSTARS.COM](http://UCSTARS.COM)

**February 12**

Mamma Mia! The Musical:  
Noon & 7:30 pm

**February 18**

Randy Travis: 7:30 pm

**February 25**

A Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young  
Tribute: 7:30 pm

**February 26**

Travel Film-Italian Lakes  
Adventure: 2:00 pm



900 8th Avenue • 350-9402  
[www.greeleyicehaus.com](http://www.greeleyicehaus.com)

**Sweetheart Skate**

February 11 • 7:15-8:45 pm  
Play games and win prizes from local  
businesses. \$6 per couple; includes  
skate rental

**"No School" Public Skate Sessions**

February 3, 17, 20 & 21 • 12-2:45pm  
\$3 includes skate rental

**Friday Nights - Real Men Wear Pink**

February 10 • 7:15-8:45pm  
2-for-1 admission for any guy wearing  
pink! \$5 admission; \$2 skate rental

## 2,500 Residents Receive Survey

In mid January 2,500 households in Greeley were sent a survey about Greeley City government services. A variety of questions were asked to help the City Council and staff rate city services, gather perceptions about Greeley as a place to live, work, learn, play and retire, as well as how the city should approach economic development, communications with residents and other issues. If you are one of the 1,500 households to receive a direct mail postage paid questionnaire or one of the 1,000 UNC students to receive an email about the survey, please take a few minutes to respond. It is extremely important that we hear from everyone who received the survey—we're counting on you to represent 37,000 Greeley households. The results will be used by the Council and City staff to help improve your community.



**Rumor:** The City provides residential and commercial trash service.

This is definitely a rumor. There is no government run trash service in Greeley. All residential and commercial trash pickup is provided by private companies. In the past, the City has looked into different methods of regulating trash service to keep costs down for residents and reduce the number of trash trucks on residential streets; however, that idea has never caught on. In some cities, local governments operate trash collection service and others just regulate it with programs like "volume based" also known as "pay as you throw" where you pay based on how much you put out for pickup.

Regardless of how our trash is picked up and hauled, it's always good to divert trash from the waste stream and landfills. First look for ways to reduce the amount of waste you create such as avoiding over-packaged products. Then look for ways to reuse or repurpose

### Spring Spectacular "Cinderella's Ball"

March 3 • 5:30-7 pm

Skaters will dazzle you with their rendition of princess fairy tales. Free public session & skate rental after the show.

Admission \$7; children 6 & under \$5.



### Swim Lessons

Registration Deadline: February 16

[See a Full List of Classes](#)

### 10% discount coupon

on

### swim lessons

Click the 10% Off tag for your coupon.



## Volunteers Give Back to the Community

Why volunteer? Because your community needs your help! The City is seeking interested residents for volunteer positions on several boards and commissions. This is a great opportunity for you to give back to the community. 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).

items. If items still have a useful life, find someone who can use them. Then look for creative ways to make new uses out of items.

The last way to avoid sending items to the landfill is to recycle them. Recycling in Greeley is provided through private companies so check with your trash hauler for curb-side pick-up services or if you want to take recyclables to a drop-off facility there is one operated by Northern Colorado Disposal at the corner of 59th Avenue and O Street. Call (970) 353-4090 to get more details.

Green-waste like tree branches and similar materials can be taken to A-1 Organics just west of Eaton. Call (970) 454-3492 for details.

Products like paints, batteries, antifreeze, motor oil, pesticides and more can be taken the Weld County Household Hazardous

Waste facility at 1311 North 17th Avenue. They are open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8 to 5. You can contact them at (970) 304-6415

x 2233 for more info. Many types of electronics are accepted by Schaefer Enterprises. Contact them at (970) 353-0662 for what they are currently accepting.

For other types of items a great source of information is [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com). If you're looking for help with your trash, check on-line or in the yellow pages for local trash companies.

## Food Tax Rebates - Apply Now

The City's food tax rebate application period for low-income Greeley residents began February 1 and ends May 31. The maximum rebate is \$45 per qualifying person.



Applicants must have been a Greeley resident for at least 10 months in 2011, and must be a resident at the time of application. Proof of residency is required and qualified family members must be legal dependents claimed on federal form 1040. A Social Security number must be provided for each family member claimed on the application. Income requirements are the same as the current limits set by the U.S. Dept of Agriculture for qualification for Food Stamps.

Applications are available at City Hall located at 1000 10th Street or [on the web](#). Assistance is available by phone at 970-350-9748 or at City Hall from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.



## Come and Get It! FREE Mulch

The half mile long, 75 foot wide and 15 foot high pile of broken tree limbs at A Street and 14th Avenue has been ground into mulch. The mulch is available for free on a first come, first serve basis until late spring or until it's gone. When picking up the mulch please remember to tarp your load before leaving the site or you could receive a ticket. You are no longer allowed to drop off your tree limbs at this site. Instead, take them to A-1 Organics in Eaton at 16350 WCR 76 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. You can also call a private tree company or landscaping company for assistance. Please call the Public Works Street Division at (970) 350-9336 if you have questions. The Greeley Organic Waste Center (GROW Center) is temporarily closed.

## Greeley City Government Financially Sound - Water Bond Rating Improves

Leaders in Colorado, particularly in Greeley, are famous for prudent water planning. Recently that careful oversight resulted in some very good news. Greeley's water department was notified last month that its bond rating was upgraded from AA- to AA by Standard & Poor's. That's significant for a community of Greeley's size and a sign that we're doing things right.

The rating upgrade comes on the heels of an independent financial check up in October of 2011 which looked at the City's overall financial condition. The firm responsible for that check up gave Greeley very good to excellent grades in all categories.



In addition, the City is audited annually by an independent auditing firm who regularly gives the City satisfactory marks for its financial record keeping and reporting. These excellent ratings and assessments demonstrate that even during a recession the City's fiscal policies have been effective. Long known for fiscal responsibility and smart water development, others recognize that Greeley is continuing that legacy with current day planning, projects and finances.

## Pets - Lost or Found?



The Weld County Humane Society partners with the Greeley Police Department and several other local agencies to help wayward pets find their way safely home. Located at 1620 42nd Street in Evans, their facility is open from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Greeley Police Animal Control Officers will pick up found pets as time and other more severe calls allow. Tip: If you've found a pet that's strayed from home, the Humane Society has graciously agreed to accept them directly from their "finders" who live in Greeley, if these good Samaritans are willing to transport the animal to the shelter during regular business hours. If you've lost a pet, the Humane Society is the place to start the search for your missing family member. The Humane Society can be reached at 970-506-9550.

Greeley Forestry manages over 12,000 trees in our parks and public grounds.

There are 218 different kinds of trees in the parks; 82 different kinds of trees along the streets.



## Don't Neglect Your Trees

Trees are a very valuable asset to your property so it's important you keep up with their care and pruning. Doing so yourself will maintain their form and value, but when the job looks too big for you to handle, consult a professional tree service. To view tips for pruning your own trees or to see a list of licensed, insured, and bonded tree contractors, visit the Forestry website at [www.greeleyforestry.org](http://www.greeleyforestry.org) or call us at (970) 339-2405, Monday-Friday from 6:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

## Water Rebates Reduce Use & Save Money

Updating your home with water-efficient appliances and fixtures can save you money. To encourage this type of water conservation, the City is promoting the purchase of high-efficiency products by offering rebates on water saving products that perform as well or better than others. An analysis of Greeley's rebate program shows that participants have an 11% to 22% reduction in indoor use. In 2012, rebates will be available for toilets, washing machines, irrigation equipment, and commercial equipment.

High-efficiency toilets that use 1.28 gallons per-flush are a popular item for rebates. The rebate is \$75 dollars if the old toilet is recycled, \$50 if it is not. That additional incentive is offered to help assure that the old toilet is not re-installed in another location. (Recycled toilets are crushed and used in road base.) Find rebate information, applications and recycling instructions at [www.greeleygov.com/rebates](http://www.greeleygov.com/rebates).



## SD6 Students & Teachers Are Amazing

Every month during the school year we work with School District 6 to feature outstanding students and educators.

This month's *Star Student* is Victoria Ochoa an eighth-grader at Chappelow K-8 Arts Magnet School. She's a student with lots of interests and a great work ethic. She dances ballet, plays violin in the orchestra, performs in plays, takes algebra, science and language arts classes, and loves history. She knows the importance of studying hard, practicing, and concentrating on doing her best. Though still undecided about which high school to attend - Greeley Central for its Advanced Placement and arts programs, or Greeley West for its International Baccalaureate program - she does have college and career goals already in mind: to attend Harvard and become a lawyer. Good luck with all you do Victoria! [See Victoria's video.](#)



This month's District 6 *Teacher Who Makes a Difference* is science teacher Markee Swank from Greeley Central High School and the ENG@GE Online Academy. Markee found her love of science in college, at UNC, while studying sports medicine. She graduated with a bachelor's in biology and kinesiology. At Greeley Central, she helps her students connect science concepts to their life experiences, and gives student lots of hands-on activities to bring new perspectives and interest to their learning. As a teacher with the ENG@GE Online Academy, Swank also sees the growth and potential that online classes have for students at both the college and high school level. Thanks Markee, for being an awesome role model for Greeley's young women. [See Markee's video.](#)

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