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Weld Project Connect

Election Day 2011 - Your Day to Make Representative Government Work

by Roy H. Otto, Greeley City Manager

Whenever elections roll around, it's your day to have a say in how your city is run and the direction your community will follow. If you live in Greeley you'll have that chance again on November 1.

Here's what's happening in Greeley. 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 seats. That means two of these four races are uncontested. In addition to our City candidates, there are also several people running for Weld County Commissioner and School District 6 School Board positions. Then there are statewide ballot measures. As is typical with any election, it takes some effort to learn about the questions on the ballot as well as the candidates who are running. As citizens, it's our responsibility to seek out information about all that's on the ballot so that we can help make representative government work.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Weld Project Connect is a one-day community event set for October 14th from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Island Grove Park in Greeley. The event will provide free on-site, one-on-one service for individuals and families in Weld county who are struggling with foreclosure, job loss, health issues, food needs, and many other critical issues that can interrupt a life. Volunteers and direct services from over 50 providers will be there ready to help. Free child care will also be available on-site during the event. If you or someone you know could use this kind of help, call 211 or 1-800-559-5590 or visit the website at www.weldprojectconnect.org for more information. Event sponsors include NCMC, Inc.; Banner Health-North Colorado Medical Center; City of Greeley; Weld County; The Tribune; United Way of Weld County; and numerous other event partners.



Enjoy More Spooky Fun at Trick or Treat the Village

Wizards, fortune tellers and haunted stage coach rides are among the many new activities at this year's Centennial Village Trick or Treat. Visit the Village on October 28 and 29 for two

Voter Registration Information

The election in Greeley will be conducted with a mail ballot 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 voter registration 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.



Real or Rumor? Greeley police officers can take their patrol cars home.

Only two members of Greeley's Patrol force are allowed to take their patrol cars home. The Department's two K-9 handlers are on-call around the clock to respond to any request for a drug, evidence-seeking or tracking dog. These officers live with their four-legged partners and must be able to respond promptly to any call for such specialized assistance. The patrol cars are specially equipped for use as K-9 vehicles and thus are unavailable for use by other officers. According to Police Chief Jerry Garner, cities that have implemented take-home patrol car programs have found benefits for the community as well as a tool when recruiting new officers. In addition to the crime deterrence provided by having the marked car parked in a neighborhood, officers allowed to use the cars off-duty (with specific restrictions) are obliged to respond to emergency calls at any time, thus providing extra police manpower on the street. The chief noted that the startup costs for a take-home patrol car program are considerable and there are no plans to introduce one in Greeley at this time.

hours of safe fun each night starting at 5 p.m. Jack-o-lanterns and corn shocks will guide you around the historic houses and haunted gardens. There'll be free Trick or Treating at the houses, toasting marshmallows at the chuck wagon, spooky crafts to take home, the haunted court of Judge Roy Has-been and free swings at the Dia de los Muertos pinata. For just \$5 see what else we have up our sleeves with the main event, Worley the Wizard performing marvels that'll astonish all ages. And for only \$2 each, you can candle dip, pick your own pumpkin or get a spooky stagecoach ride. Centennial Village is located at 14th Avenue and 'A' Street in Greeley.

For more information, call 970-350-9220 or visit

www.centennialvillagemuseum.com.

What do Rocks, Jobs, Music and Ice Have in Common? Greeley's Leisure Services Has Them All!



Greeley Senior Activity Center
1010 6th Street • 350-9440

Rock & Mineral Show

October 1 & 2 • 9am-3pm

The show is free and open to the public.

Council Adds \$1 Million for Road Repairs

In September, an additional \$1 million was added to the City's budget from unanticipated property tax, severance tax and mineral lease revenues. Here's the status of road repairs and maintenance projects including those funded by the additional revenue:

Street Maintenance	Total Funding	Completion Status
Concrete Repair	\$ 223,900	50%
Crack Seal	518,000	65%
Rejuvenating Seal Coat	347,000	100%
Chip Seal	913,000	95%
Patching	700,000	80%
Overly/Reconstruction	3,718,100	85%
Pavement Management	60,000	50%
Bridge Maintenance	50,000	80%
Pavement Striping	120,000	50%
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.

Got Leaves? Compost 'em at Your Place or Ours

As fall begins, our thoughts turn to Halloween, football and raking leaves. Oh yah, raking leaves, tons of fun . . . right?! And, what to do



with them after they're piled up? Many folks stuff them into bags and set them out for the trash hauler. Some even stuff them in those bright orange bags that look like pumpkins and set them out for Halloween decorations. But consider this: leaves and other organic materials sent to a landfill just go to waste - and create pollution. There is a better

17th Annual Art & Music Festival

October 20 • 9am-5pm

October 21 • 1-3pm

Refreshments provided. For information on attending or entering artwork: 350-9437



**Island Grove Regional Park
Exhibition Building
501 N. 14th Avenue**

Senior Health & Job Fair

October 7 • 7-11am

12th Annual 50+ Health & Job Fair

Details: 350-9437



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

Skate School Free Fun Skate

October 22 • 12:30-1pm

Try our Skate School program for Free! Space is limited. First come, first served.

Ice Haus Cosmic Costume Skate

October 29 • 7:15-8:45pm

Wear your scariest costume for free skate rental! Costume contest 7:45-8pm. Free skate rental with costume.



**1501 65th Avenue • 350-9401
www.familyfunplex.com**

way—compost them! You can set up your own compost system or you can take the leaves to the [Greeley Organic Waste \(GROW\) Center](#) where leaves are taken to a regional composting facility and turned into “black gold” instead of wasting away in the landfill. The GROW Center is located on East 8th Street, one mile east of Hwy 85 and is open Tuesday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee for dropping off leaves is \$4.50 per cubic yard (Hint: the bed of a full-size pickup is 3 cubic yards). PS: Give your jack-o-lanterns a post Halloween purpose—bring them in for recycling too!

Milton Seaman Maintenance Project

Greeley’s Water and Sewer Department works hard to strengthen our water and sewer infrastructure to make sure our residents and businesses have a secure and reliable water supply. Seaman Reservoir is Greeley’s drought storage reservoir where water is accumulated during wet years for use in dry years. After more than 60 years of continuous use, the hydraulic and mechanical equipment for the reservoir’s outlet gates must be replaced. Work has begun on this \$1.6 million project and will upgrade the 1940s systems on all five gates that control water levels in the reservoir and flows to the Cache la Poudre main stem and the North Fork of the river. This project may have impacts to the river, but the City is working to minimize any effects. Additional information on the project is available at the [Water Department’s website](#).



Historic Preservation Happenings

The last of the Historic Preservation events for 2011 are coming soon! On Thursday, October 13, Peggy Ford Waldo will present “From the Dilapidated to the Divine: Peggy’s Favorite Structures in Weld County.” The lecture will be held in the Two Rivers Lounge of the Union Colony Civic Center, 701 10th Avenue, at 7 p.m. On Thursday, November 3, the City and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will host an event celebrating downtown Greeley, its history and future. DDA Executive Director Pam Bricker and DDA Board Chairman and President of Phelps-Tointon, Inc. Robert Tointon will talk about past, current

Buy 2 Get 1 Free!

Through October 31, buy a 2 month membership at the Greeley Recreation Center or Family FunPlex and get 1 month FREE. Memberships good at both facilities; includes mini-golf and discounts on all fitness classes. 350-9400

Greeley Farmers' Market at the Depot Enjoy Late Season Treats

October is not too late to enjoy the fruits of the harvest! Come to the Market at 902 7th Avenue on Saturday mornings between 7:30 and noon. There will be vendors with hot coffee and breakfast burritos to enjoy in the Bistro, as well as late season produce, meats, breads and handcrafts. The last Saturday of the Market season is October 29th - be sure to stop by and visit the Arts Market for a great selection of items from local artisans. And, it's not too early to shop for Christmas! Here's a great recipe for [Pumpkin Soup with Smoked Paprika](#) to warm you up on a chilly autumn day.



of Zoe's Event Center, 715 10th Street.

and future efforts to rehabilitate and revitalize downtown Greeley. It will include the recent Downtown Greeley Investment Strategy report by Progressive Urban Management Associates. Begins at 7 p.m. in Suite 100

So, You're Thinking About Volunteering?

That's great news! The City is seeking interested residents for opportunities on the following volunteer boards and commissions: Art Commission, Citizen Transportation Advisory Board, Construction Trades Advisory and Appeals Board, Greeley Urban Renewal Authority, Jesus Rodarte Cultural Center Advisory Board, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Museum Board and Youth Commission just to name a few. For more information visit www.greeleygov.com or contact Russell at 350-9741 or russ.lenhart@greeleygov.com.



Greeley's Outstanding Employees

The City's Water & Sewer Department employs 114 full time workers and annually recognizes employees who have contributed above and beyond the call of their regular duties. The Water & Sewer Department's annual Best Suggestion award recognizes employees for great ideas that have been approved for implementation, while the W.D. Farr Top Hand award recognizes employees for their outstanding work ethic and job performance that demonstrates a commitment to go above and beyond.



TOP HAND AWARDS

Water: Lory Stephens, Senior Administrative Specialist. Lory is the executive secretary to the Director, the liaison to the Water & Sewer Board, and the office manager. Last year, she successfully filled in for several vacant positions in addition to completing her regular duties. She is always happy to jump in and



Union Colony Civic Center
356-5000 ~ UCSTARS.COM

Upcoming Shows:

October 8

Kenny Rogers, 7:30pm

November 6

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

November 10

Vienna Boys Choir, 7:00pm

November 13

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

Enjoy the best Northern
Colorado has to offer
right here in Greeley -
Centennial Village Living
History Museum,
Greeley History
Museum, Meeker House,
Plumb Farm, Freight
Station Museum, and
the Cache La Poudre
National Heritage

assist anyone.

Wastewater: Grant Ruff, Plant Operator. This year, with Grant's initiative, the Division saved approximately \$3,000 in maintenance costs. He also took charge of organizing operation's files, lab shelves and equipment.

Special Top Hand Award: Frank Brooks, Water Operations Manager. A 25 year veteran of the Water Department, he is responsible for the operation, maintenance and regulatory compliance of the City's drinking water and non-potable systems. This past year, Frank raised the performance standards and financial responsibility of all his divisions. His work ethic and dedication has been a model for the entire department.

BEST SUGGESTION AWARDS

Water: Steve Robben, Water Instrument Technician. Steve suggested changes to the Water Department's radio communication systems. The cost of the equipment is just 25% of the price of a conventional radio system and it works better.

Wastewater: Bruce Reed, Maintenance Mechanic. Bruce designed and constructed filter boxes for the Water Pollution Control Facility where six energy efficient high-speed blowers were installed. This will help keep the new blowers and the building clean, ultimately saving the City money.



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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Area...just to name a
few.

34-Business: Access Control Plan

You are cordially invited to attend a public meeting/open house regarding a plan for future street and driveway access points along Highway 34 Business Route (10th Street). The development of an Access Control Plan (extending from 35th Avenue to Highway 257) is in its infancy, and the public open house is intended to introduce the project. Staff from CDOT, Greeley, Weld County, and the North Front Range MPO will be on-hand to discuss how existing and new access points might be addressed and to receive your comments at this early stage of the project.

Info: Eric.Bracke@greeleygov.com or 970-350-9397

October 5

**Greeley Family FunPlex
1501 65th Avenue**

**Drop in anytime between
4:00 and 7:00pm**

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