



It's snowing in Greeley. Just in time for the holidays – Shopping, entertainment & special events galore! Don't miss the Snow Route information below.



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Christmas and New Year's Holiday Schedule

Greeley City Hall, located at 1000 10th Street; the City Hall Annex at 1100 10th Street; the Public Works Administration Building at 1001 9th Avenue; and the Lincoln Park Annex at 919 7th Street (including Municipal Court) will be closed Friday,

Dream Builders GED Leadership Initiative - Rodarte Community Center

by Roy H. Otto, Greeley City Manager

The City of Greeley continues to assist youth in Greeley by offering a range of healthy activities for brain and body. A relatively new program has been initiated at the Rodarte Community Center through Dream Builders. The program is a GED preparation course focusing on math, history, civics, language arts and science. The Dream Builders GED/Leadership Initiative is a classroom based program for those who are re-engaged and ready to prepare for the GED test. Test-ready students can also use the Dream Builders' strategies and leadership mentoring to help build self-confidence and testing skills.

The program is peer based, allowing students to mentor new students and share successes, both educationally and socially. In addition, mentors encourage and provide the skills necessary to develop passions for positive community involvement. Our thanks go to the program's current volunteer instructors Ken Storck and

December 23 and Monday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday and Monday, January 2, 2012 for the New Year's Day holiday.

The **Rodarte Community Center, Greeley Recreation Center and Greeley Senior Activity Center** will be closed December 23-26 & 31 and January 1.

The **Family FunPlex** will be open December 24 until 2pm and December 31 until 5pm. They will be closed on December 25 and January 1.

The **Greeley Ice Haus** will be open December 24 from 9am-4pm and December 25 from 6-9 pm. The Ice Haus will also be open December 31 from noon-5pm and January 1 from 2-8pm.



NEW! Winter Farmers' Market

There's now a Winter Farmers' Market held indoors the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. The Market is located at the Atlas Theater, 709 16th Street from 9 a.m. to noon each market day. Customer parking is available across the street behind the Christian Congregational Church. Stop by and shop at vendors offering a variety of products from local produce raised in greenhouses to locally raised natural meats. European-style breads, pastries, jams, coffee, gourmet salsas, spreads, honey, beeswax items, soaps, spices, burritos, peanut brittle and other candies

Mike Dugan, who are doing a fantastic job improving the lives of youth in Greeley.

If you'd like to help by volunteering your time or other resources, please contact our Leisure Services Director Andy McRoberts at 970-350-9425.

Storm Clean Up Update

The clean up of Greeley's neighborhoods by City crews is basically complete and they will not be returning to neighborhoods to do any additional pick up along streets. For those who missed the City pick up, they can take their tree limbs to the free drop site near Island Grove Park through December 9. The site, on the southwest corner of 14th Avenue and A Street (across from the entrance to Centennial Village Museum), is open 24 hours a day, 7 days per week until December 9. After December 9, residents must take branches to Greeley's Organic Waste Center (GROW Center) at 1130 East 8th Street or call a private tree trimming or landscaping company for assistance. Standard fees will be charged for green waste disposal at the GROW Center. More information about the site is available at www.greeleygov.com/recycle. If residents have questions, they can contact Greeley's Public Works Street Division at 970-350-9336.



Poudre Trail Open - Use Caution

The Poudre Trail is open. Hard working volunteers and City workers from Greeley and Windsor have cleared all the broken branches. But be careful when travelling the trail as broken branches higher up in the trees still remain in some areas. Forestry crews and tree trimming services are working throughout the city and finishing work along the trail is on their "to-do" list. To find out about current conditions or to volunteer, please call the Trail office at 970-336-4044 or visit the website at www.poudretrail.org.

and sweets, along with a wide selection of items from Greeley's local arts and crafts community will be for sale. Handcrafted items range from paintings and porcelain, to handmade woolens and more. Get more info at www.greeleygov.com/fm or 970-350-9783.



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

This is partly true. Two members of Greeley's patrol force are allowed to take their patrol cars home. However, that's two of 90 sworn officers. 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. Their 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 perk 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.

Family Fun at Greeley's Recreation Facilities

Gift Certificates available now for the Greeley Recreation Center and the Family FunPlex!



Winter Break

Kidz Explore at the Greeley Recreation Center, December 19-22
Various classes at the Family FunPlex, December 22-January 5
Details at 970-350-9400 or www.greeleygov.com/recreation.



Father/Daughter Dance

January 27 • 6pm
January 28 • 1pm & 6pm
All ages welcome. Includes finger food, refreshments and a professional photo.
Purchase tickets at the Family FunPlex or Greeley Recreation Center or by phone at 350-9400.

Door-To-Door Scams: Report Them!

Door-to-door landscape and tree care scams happen all too often. These scammers typically target more established, middle income neighborhoods with older residents and mature landscapes, particularly trees, allowing them to victimize those who are the least able to physically inspect the work and who may be intimidated by the solicitor's aggressiveness. Reporting suspected scams is critical in combating fraud. In Greeley, companies offering tree services MUST be licensed by the City. Protect yourself:





900 8th Avenue • 350-9402

www.greeleyicehaus.com

Check on-line for extended holiday public skate sessions.

Holiday Ice Showcase

December 9 • 6-7pm

December 10 • 2-3pm

General Admission \$7; children 3 & under free; \$2 for Skate School Basic Skills participants.

Holiday Skate School

December 27-30

Snowplow Sam 1-3; Noon-12:45pm

Basic 1: 12:45-1:30pm



Rodarte Community Center

920 A Street • 350-9430

www.greeleygov.com/Rec

Community Christmas Party

December 10 • 10am-Noon

All ages welcome; those 10 and younger receive a gift.

- Don't do business with door-to-door contractors.
- Check with Greeley's Forestry office (970-339-2405 or www.greeleyforestry.org) to verify licensing.
- Get at least three bids.
- Demand a written contract detailing the job including start/completion dates.
- Demand proof of liability insurance.
- Don't pay any money up front.
- Don't pay in full until work is complete and you are satisfied.
- Check the company's standing with the Better Business Bureau.
- Report fraud to the Greeley Police Department, 970-350-9600.

Don't Let Fire Ruin Your Holidays

Each year fires occurring during the holiday season claim lives, cause injuries and cause millions of dollars in damage. Follow these tips and enjoy a fire free holiday.

Selecting a Tree - When you shop for a real tree, check the needles. They should be green and hard to pull back or break off the branches. Keep your tree watered.



Maintaining Holiday Lights - Before putting them up, inspect for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear. Use only lighting approved by UL or another testing laboratory.

Candle Care - Make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked over. Never put near a tree or leave the house with [candles burning](#).



Union Colony Civic Center
356-5000 ~ UCSTARS.COM

Upcoming Shows:

December 1
 Festival of Trees: Fashion Show and Luncheon, 11am-1pm

December 3
 Festival of Trees: Teddy Bear Bash 9-11am

December 5
 The US Air Force Academy Concert Band, 2pm & 7pm

December 17
 Point of Grace "Home for the Holidays", 7:30pm



greeleymuseums.com
970-350-9220

Colorado Takes Off!
 Opens December 10, FREE
 Aerospace exhibit.

Homesteader's Holiday at Centennial Village
 December 10, 3-7pm

Directed Patrols Reduce Wrecks

Greeley Police officers continue to work on reducing traffic accidents in specific areas around the city where stats show that most accidents are occurring. The Traffic Unit and sector officers are deployed to major intersections at the times of day when accidents typically occur: Highway 34 Bypass corridor, specifically the approaches to the major intersections; 10th Street corridor at major intersections; and 23rd Avenue south from 25th Street to Evans. The majority of violations that cause accidents in these areas include: following too closely, left turn right-of-way violations, and stop light violations. Also, many accidents are happening in west Greeley because drivers are failing to obey stop signs. Increased traffic enforcement in these areas will reduce the number of accidents. Drive safe - avoid a ticket and more importantly an accident!



Public Works Wraps Up 2011 Road Repairs

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

Street Maintenance	Total Funding	Completion Status
Concrete Repair	\$ 223,900	85%
Crack Seal	518,000	80%
Rejuvenating Seal Coat	347,000	100%
Chip Seal	913,000	100%
Patching	700,000	100%
Overlay/Reconstruction	3,718,100	95%
Pavement Management	60,000	75%
Bridge Maintenance	50,000	90%
Pavement Striping	120,000	95%
Total	\$6,650,000	

Greeley's Public Works Director summarized Greeley's road

Did you know?

Greeley and Weld County

led the state with 2.9%

gains in job growth -

ranking us 11th among the

largest counties in the

nation.

~Bureau of Labor Statistics



Volunteer Today!

Greeley needs you. You can help by volunteering for one of the upcoming openings on the City's volunteer boards and commissions: Budget, Transportation, Parks and Recreation Advisory Boards as well as the Museum Board and more. Visit www.greeleygov.com or contact Russell at 970-350-9741 or russ.lenhart@greeleygov.com to learn more.

maintenance situation in a recent [guest editorial](#) in the Greeley Tribune. His thoughts put the information in this *City Scoop* article in perspective.

2011/2012 Water Conservation Rebates

Since 2006, Greeley has offered water conservation rebates to residential and commercial water customers. The purpose of the rebate program is to encourage the purchase and proper installation of water saving products that'll save water and save money for our water customers. The water conservation rebate program is ending for this year; however, if you're a Greeley Water customer and purchased a low-flow toilet or high-efficiency washer in the last 90-days you may be eligible for a rebate—you have until January 13, 2012 to submit a 2011 rebate application. This program will continue for products purchased in 2012. Visit www.greeleygov.com/rebate for applications and complete guidelines.



Applause Please for this Month's Star Student

Yessica Rodriguez, a Brentwood Middle School student is headed for great things. She is already an accomplished musician both in and out of school, playing the clarinet, saxophone, violin and piano. Yessica is an excellent student, a scholar who has her sights set on attending Greeley Central and then on to Harvard. She picked the best school because, in her words, "it gives you more dedication to do the best you can." Congratulations Yessica!



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!](#)



Holiday Lighting Contest entries are due December 5 by 5:00pm. Click the photo above for more info.

Please Obey Snow Route Rules

Emergency Snow Routes are posted along certain streets in Greeley so that everyone is aware of areas that are critical for snow removal. People who live or work along these routes should move their cars off the street when snow is forecast, that way crews can use their heavy equipment much more effectively to clear the streets. All routes are posted; however, a good rule of thumb is that if you're thinking of parking along a main arterial, don't, and if you are parked there move your vehicle off the street. Examples of main arterials are 9th, 10th, 16th and 20th Streets and 8th, 11th, 23rd and 35th Avenues. A complete listing can be found at www.greeleygov.com or by calling 970-350-9336 or 351-(SNOW) 7669. Failure to move your car when the City declares a snow emergency may result in towing of the vehicle plus any fines and fees.



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