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Greeley Police Work Pays Off

by Roy H. Otto, Greeley City Manager

According to statistics compiled by the Police Department, the crime rate for Greeley in 2009 decreased by 10% from 2008. That's good news - any decrease in crime is welcome, but especially during a recession, when you'd think that crime would be up. One of the reasons that crime is down has to do with the excellent police work by all of our staff at the Greeley PD.

The stats show that burglary has been reduced by 22%, motor vehicle theft by 21%, aggravated assault by 18% and rape by 11%. Only arson experienced an increase, which rose by 17%. This is a difference between twenty-nine incidents of arson reported in 2008, and 34 reported in 2009. Robberies remained constant at sixty-nine reports for each year. And murder cases are actually down, but due to solving a 1995 homicide case during 2009, the count is even with 2008.

Another encouraging number is in the motor vehicle accident category. Accidents dropped from 2,815 in 2008 to 2,170 in 2009 for a reduction of 645 accidents. The total number of injury accidents dropped from 116 in 2008 to 81 in 2009, a decrease of 30%. Most notable is that there was not one fatal accident in Greeley during 2009.

Tell Everyone on Earth!

Let your friends, family and neighbors know that Greeley residents, businesses and organizations are **Great From the Ground Up!** This month we recognize Carl Gerbrandt, a longtime professor at the University of Northern Colorado and director of the Greeley Chorale, who has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Opera Association for his many years of dedication to high quality musical education and performance.

What's Happening

Need A Job?

Teen Job Fair

March 3 • 4-6pm • Ages 14-21 years
You could land a summer or part-time job! Island Grove Exhibition Building, 501 North 14th Avenue

City Summer Jobs

The City's Recreation Division has summer employment opportunities. Visit www.greeleygov.com/recreation or stop by the Greeley Recreation Center at 651 10th Avenue for information and applications.



Greeley Ice Haus Events

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

2009, compared to three in 2008. Unfortunately, we have had one fatality already this year and I hope it is the only one for the year.

Police personnel did some nice work clearing cases as well with a clearance rate of 44%, which compares very favorably to the 31% national clearance rate. All of these stats confirm what we know from public comments and surveys: the vast majority of residents feel safe in Greeley. We're glad to hear this and will work to continue the trend.



Rumor: "The Leprino cheese processing plant is not locating in Greeley after all."

It's not real, It's a Rumor! "Let there be Cheese" says Greeley's Community Development Director Becky Safarik. While it has been nearly 18 months since Leprino Foods announced its decision to build its next North American plant in Greeley, all good things come to those who wait patiently. Since the June 2008 announcement, much has happened including demolition of the former Western Sugar buildings, removal of asbestos and other site hazards, obtaining Colorado Department of Transportation approval of a new traffic signal on US Highway 85 at 13th Street, and work on a plan to remix and remove the huge pile of lime (a by-product of 100 years of sugar beet production, stored on site). Site and construction plans have been submitted to the City for review and following some zoning and subdivision approvals that are set for consideration next month, the Leprino Foods facility should be "going vertical" by this summer. The project remains on track for a 2012 opening.

Look for Census 2010 in Your Mailbox

Census forms will be mailed to all households in Greeley in mid-March. The questionnaire only asks for name, sex, age, date of birth, race ethnicity, relationship and housing tenure. Spending just a few minutes completing the form and mailing it in helps ensure that Greeley gets its fair share of the \$400 billion allocated to communities annually by the federal government. **Greeley Counts!**

Lucky Skate

March 17 • 6:15 - 7:45 pm

Wear green and receive \$1 off admission (5 years and older).

\$4 Admission (5+); \$1 Admission (4 and under); \$2 skate rental



No School Skate Sessions

March 4, 5, 12, 19 & 24-26

Noon-2:45 pm

Only \$3 - includes skate rental!



History Museum Hosts First Friday - March 5

Adults and families can explore the Greeley History Museum from 5-7pm on March 5 during Downtown Greeley's First Friday activities. Adults are invited to a presentation from 6-7:30pm by master gardener Gordon Bachman who will talk about starting seeds. Admission is free for the Museum and the presentation. Also, the exhibit galleries, museum store and Hazel E. Johnson Research Center are now open Saturdays from 10am-4pm.



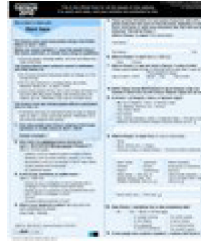
Register for Summer Camps & Parties

Visit www.greeleymuseums.com for a list of the June and July fun **summer camps** at the Museums' Plumb Farm and Centennial Village. On-line registration will be available starting April 7, which is the first day of registration.



With warm weather approaching, it's a good time to plan a **birthday party** at

Centennial Village. Choose from the Have Tea with Me; School Days; or Chuck Wagon Wiener Roast parties where you provide the kids and museum staff members provide the fun, food and everything else. Learn more



If We Can't Reach You, We Can't Alert You!

"Opt-In" Now for Emergency Notifications

How will you find out about a hazardous materials spill, a broken water main or a law enforcement issue impacting Greeley or your neighborhood? TV and radio news is becoming more immediate, but wouldn't you like to know as soon as possible about an emergency situation? Up until now, it was only possible to reach telephones considered "hard-wired" at your home via the reverse 9-1-1 system. Now, new technology has been installed at Weld County's regional communications center to notify residents via their mobile devices and computers; but you must register to receive messages.

The new technology has brought emergency public notification to cell phones, VOIP, e-mail, text, TTY and pagers. Staff at the communications center, our county-wide 9-1-1 service, want you to register for this free service. When you opt-in and register at www.greeleygov.com, you can register up to five wireless phones or five VOIP numbers. Residents may also enter one e-mail address to receive e-mail notification. Register your communication devices now!



City Offers Food Tax Rebates

The City of Greeley's food tax rebate program for low-income Greeley residents runs through May 31. Applicants must have been a Greeley resident for at least 10 months in 2009,

on-line or call 350-9216.



Civic Center March Performances

Tickets: 356-5000 or www.ucstars.com



Le Grand Cirque •

In the tradition of Cirque de Soleil
Saturday, March 6, 7:30pm

Paul Rodriguez •

Side splitting stand-up comedian
Saturday, March 20, 7:30pm

Travel Film: The French Wine Regions •

Journey through a romantic country
Sunday, March 21, 3:00 pm

Hairspray • Encore performance of the Broadway musical comedy phenomenon

Sunday, March 28, 3:00pm

Til Death Do Us Part: Late Nite

Catechism 3 •

A hilarious comedy
Saturday, April 3, 7:30pm

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.

Maximum income limits for qualification are the current limits set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for qualification for the Food Stamp Program. The rebate will be a maximum of \$45 per person. Applications and assistance are available at City Hall, 1000 10th Street from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday or at 350-9748. The application is also available online at www.greeleygov.com/Finance.



The Environmental Protection Agency has declared March 15-21 “[Fix a Leak Week](#)” to remind Americans to check household plumbing and irrigation systems for leaks, with the objective of conserving water, our precious natural resource.

To celebrate Fix a Leak Week, Greeley Water Conservation is offering half-hour leak detection and repair workshops on March 15 at the Greeley Recreation Center (651 10th Avenue) to help residents learn how to find and fix leaks. The informal and interactive workshops are offered three times on the 15th at 12:15, 5:15 and 6:00 p.m. Find more info at www.greeleygov.com/water.

Twenty-six Groups Advise Council

The Greeley City Council has a total of 26 advisory groups who help shape City policy and services, and several openings occur each month due to term expirations or the occasional

Join a Community Garden

In 2007, City staff helped create two community gardens in Greeley: one at UNC and the other at the Greeley Museums’ Plumb Farm. The Neighborhood Resource Office staff manages the 24-plot garden at UNC and the nine-plot garden at the Plumb Farm and currently both have waiting lists. Consequently the staff has helped others start their own community gardens throughout Greeley.

expirations of the occasional resignation. Currently, we're seeking applicants for the Jesus Rodarte Cultural Center Advisory Board, Construction Trades Advisory and Appeals Board, Human Relations Commission, and the Youth Commission. Applicants for the Youth Commission must be between 11-18 years of age. For more information visit www.greeleygov.com or contact Russell at 350-9741 or russ.lenhart@greeleygov.com.

Given the popularity of gardening, the collaborations among the various community gardens continue to create new opportunities for learning about related topics such as pest control, organic gardening techniques and produce preservation.



Community Gardens at West Greeley Baptist Church, Houston Gardens and The Clay Center of Northern Colorado are accepting applications for community garden plots for the 2010 season. For more information, contact Deb DeBoutez at the Greeley Neighborhood Resource Office, 336-4167 or deborah.deboutez@greeleygov.com.

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