



Green Mountain Gazette

Building community through partnerships

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Rooney Valley Zoning Changes

Carma is proposing to modify zoning in Rooney Valley. The existing Red Rocks Business Park Official Development Plan (ODP) would be modified to allow for a mix of institutional, retail, office and residential uses to be known as Solterra Centre ODP. The zoning would be vested for 25 years. Planning Commission will hear the proposal on June 3 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Help repair Green Mtn. Trails

Build and repair trails on William Frederick Hayden Park on Green Mountain Saturday, June 6 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., as part of National Trails Day. Work will be on the Rooney Valley Trail in the park. Lunch and some breakfast items will be provided. Bring water, sunscreen, work gloves and appropriate clothing and footwear. Plan to hike 1 to 2 miles. Register at www.volunteeroutdoors.net.

Jeffco Resource Fair June 9

The 4th annual Jefferson County Community Resource Fair will be 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, (15200 W. 6th Ave). The fair provides the opportunity for residents, professionals, and county businesses to distribute and receive information about available community resources. It is free and is a good way to promote citizen's agencies or businesses as well as gather valuable information on all that Jeffco has to offer.

West Metro Fire Muster June 13

West Metro Fire's annual Fire Muster is **June 13** from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Red Rocks College. It is FREE and features fun things for kids to do while learning safe habits.

Coyote Gulch Lawsuit Rejected

A District Court rejected a lawsuit by the neighborhood group to stop construction of a baseball field at Coyote Gulch Park. Although the court agreed there was harm to the neighborhood, she ruled the group did not have legal standing. The group is considering an appeal. Meanwhile construction continues and completion is scheduled for June.

Alameda Fire Station Rebuild

West Metro Fire is expanding its Green Mtn. station (13155 W. Alameda) this summer. The current building will be razed and a larger station built to handle more staff and vehicles. During construction, fire crews will operate out of a temporary site behind the shopping center just east of Vitamin Cottage on Alameda. The new station should be operational in late spring 2010.

To receive on your cell phone reverse-911 emergency calls (like last summer's wild land fire on Green Mtn.) register at www.your911.net. For fire district questions, call your elected representative *David Wiechman* at 303-986-4818.

Summer Concert Series

The 10th season of the *Sounds Exciting!* concert series brings an eclectic mix of musicians to the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation Amphitheater at Lakewood's Heritage Center in Belmar Park (801 S. Yarrow St.) on Wednesday evenings from July 1 through Aug. 5. The line-up is Hazel Miller, Colcannon, the Wendy Woo! Band, Chris Daniels & the Kings, Sons of the San Joaquin and Chris Hillman and Herb Pedersen. Buy tickets at the Lakewood Cultural Center Box Office, 470 S. Allison Parkway, go online at Lakewood.org, or call (303) 987-7845.

Green Mountain Schools/Community Connections action team of the Green Mtn. Future Search project encourages partnerships among the people / groups of Green Mountain for the purpose of making a better community. To submit articles or receive future issues via email, please call 303-986-4818 or email to: wiechman@ecentral.com.

School News

- Green Mountain High School is implementing an Academy-based instructional model next year. Beginning with the class of 2013, GMHS will offer 5 academies: Health & Human Services (HHS); Arts, Humanities, & Performance (AHP); Business & Global Studies (BGS); Math/Science Technology (MST); and Renaissance (REN).

Each academy offers extensive and relevant experiences as well as an engineering component in the Math/Science Technology program. By integrating academics, college preparation and student career aspirations, academies make high school more relevant to students

For more details, call *Barb Goings* at **303-982-9500** or email bgoings@jeffco.k12.co.us.

- The school district requires a six-year graduation plan for each student beginning in the 7th grade as part of an effort to raise graduation requirements for the class of 2013 by increasing the number of required credit hours from 22 to 24. The breakdown of required credits include: English – 4, Math – 3, Science - 3, Social sciences – 3.5, World languages – 2 and Electives – 8.5. Classes taken at the middle school do NOT count toward the high school requirements. ALL 24 credits must be taken at the high school.

- GMHS will have a charity walk/5K run to raise funds on **August 29**. The event will include free food from Jose O'sheas. To volunteer, call Asst. Principal *Jim Thyfault* at 303-982-3316

Local PTA/PTO organizations:

School phone numbers 303-982-xxxx

Foothills (9324) – 2nd Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Glennon Heights (8240) – 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
Hutchinson (9561) – 1st Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Green Mtn. Elem (9380)– 3rd Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm
Rooney Ranch (9620) – 3rd Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Devinny (9200) – 1st Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Dunstan Middle (9270) – 4th Mondays at 6 p.m.
Green Mtn. High (9500) – 2nd Mondays at 6:30 pm

- Warren Tech received the 2009 Hewlett Packard Innovations in Education Grant for \$265,000 in HP technology, professional development, and cash to support those responsible for math and science in middle and high schools.

- After 7 years of holding its annual fundraiser run at GMHS/GM Presbyterian Church, this year's Second Wind Run will be held at the Jeffco Fairgrounds on **Sept. 20**.

News Shorts

- Lakewood is holding a competition to name an official tree, flower and song for Lakewood's 40th anniversary. Deadline is July 2. Nomination forms are available at Lakewood.org or at the City's recreation centers and cultural facilities.

- Belmar Developments – Target is temporarily on hold. Hobby Lobby is going in where Pier One left, to be open holidays 2009. Nordstrom Rack will be built on the SE corner of Wadsworth & Alameda to be open Holidays 2010.

- The City needs volunteers to help with a city-wide Neighborhood Cleanup on Sept. 25 & 26. The cleanup will allow residents to bring items for disposal to drop-off locations where there will be large roll-off dumpsters. Volunteers will help the elderly and disabled get items to the drop-off locations, check loads to prevent dumping of hazardous material, direct people and handle other tasks. To volunteer, call (303) 987-7950.

- Lakewood announced six finalists to replace *Mike Rock* as city manager. Three are internal: *Kathy Hodgson*, Community Resources director, *Jay Hutchinson*, Public Works director, and *Larry Dorr*, finance manager. Outside candidates are *Mike Hein*, Tucson city manager, *Gary Klaphake*, Lafayette city administrator and *Elizabeth Link*, economic development consultant. City Council decision is expected this summer with a changeover in September.

- Lakewood on Parade celebrates “Lakewood: 40 and Fireworks” July 3 at the Stadium on Kipling starting at 4 p.m. There is no parade this year.

- There is a town meetings with state reps on June 6 at the Lakewood Cultural Center but the Ward 4 meetings have been suspended for the summer.

- Lakewood and Jeffco economic development officials are looking into the possibility of moving the Jeffco Fairgrounds and the National Western Stock Show to the Rooney Valley.

- Alameda Gateway is developing a sustainability pilot program with Red Rocks College, Jeffco Workforce and local businesses to refurbishment local businesses with the latest energy efficiencies.

- Jeffco Workforce Youth Internship Program provides paid interns (ages 14 to 24) to local businesses at no cost to the business. Call *Sandra Thurman* at **303-271-4700**.