

Brighton window

Employees of Raw Creative work on the new Historic Downtown Brighton parklet last Friday. The parklet on North Main Street will be open "for business," beginning Friday. The opening will be marked with a dedication around noon at the parklet outside the Creative U shop, 43 N. Main.

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City hires its first full-time city attorney

The City Council on Tuesday hired Jack D. Bajorek as Brighton's first in-house city attorney.

Bajorek, a rural Brighton resident and senior assistant city attorney and Development Group client group manager for the city of Aurora, has worked in the Aurora City Attorney's Office since 1996. He was chosen from a group of four finalists who interviewed last week with City Council members, city staffers and others.

Bajorek replaces Margaret Brubaker, who has retired, effective July 31, from her firm, Mehaffy, Brubaker and Ernst, which had represented the city under contract for more than 30 years.

When Brubaker announced her retirement in late spring, the Council deliberated and determined it was time to hire a full-time attorney and establish a City Attorney's Office, probably with a deputy attorney and a law clerk/secretary.

Bajorek was introduced Tuesday at the City Council meeting, after all seven Council members present (Matt Johnston and J.W. Edwards had

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Four Days

Today

9:30-10 a.m. – Music & Movement, Anythink Brighton; sing, dance, play some basic instruments; ages 2-6.

10:15-11 a.m. – Family Story Time, Anythink Brighton; stories and songs for the whole family, plus an activity.

10:30-11:30 a.m. – Story Time at the Firehouse, Station 53, 16681 E. 120th Ave.; story, tour, snack, for children 3-5 with caretaker; free, RSVP to Dawn, 303-654-8043.

12:15-12:50 p.m. – Yoga, Platte Valley Medical Center, Suite 130; \$6 drop-in rate; certified instructor. Bring your mat, info 303-498-1840.

4:30-5:30 p.m. Action Lab: Caffeine and Coding, Anythink Brighton; share a three-course caffeine sampling while working on a collaborative coding project. Coders of all levels welcome; ages 12 and up. RSVP.

Friday

8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. – Bonfils Blood Drive, Platte Valley Medical Center, 1600 Prairie Center Parkway

10:15-11 a.m. – MiniThinkers, Anythink Brighton; spend time with your little one; play, read, sing, talk, write, explore early literacy concepts; ages birth-4 years. RSVP.

Noon – Downtown Brighton Parklet official opening

7 p.m. – Sunset Pontoon Boat Tour, Barr Lake State Park; a guided tour of the lake; discuss history of the lake, learn about boat safety, meet new people; meet at board ramp; seating limited, RSVP 303-659-6005.

Saturday

10 a.m. – Nature Walk and Talk, Barr Lake State Park; discover the park's hidden treasures. Meet at Nature Center, dress for the weather. \$7 daily – or annual pass.

10 a.m.-noon – Eagle Express, Barr Lake State Park; reserve your seat to view the bald eagle nest; seats are limited, RSVP to Nature Center, \$7 park entry or annual pass per car.

1-3 p.m. – Mommy Mingle, Platte Valley Medical Center Conference Room C; Connect with other moms and newborns 2- to 12-weeks-old; led by lactation specialists and other medical professionals; learn what's normal and expected after delivery and raising a baby; free. Sign up at pvmc.org/events or 303-498-1481.

6-9 p.m. – Drive-in Movie at Barr Lake State Park; have the kids bring a box big enough to sit in comfortably, volunteers will help decorate boxes to look like cars, bring your own dinner (soda, water and popcorn will be available for a donation) and watch the movie "Yogi Bear: Life's a Pic-a-nic, beginning at 7:30; Friends of Barr Lake event, \$1 per person donation; daily park pass or annual pass required, RSVP 303-659-6005.

Sunday

11 a.m.-1 p.m. – Eagle Express, Barr Lake State Park; reserve your spot aboard the Express to view the bald eagle nest; seats are limited, RSVP to Nature Center, \$7 park entry per car.

11 a.m.-1 p.m. – Basic Archery Instruction, Barr Lake State Park; for ages 6 to adult, loaner equipment will be on hand, space limited, RSVP to 303-659-6005. \$7 daily or annual parks pass required.

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Daily Post Briefs

Youth soccer registration deadline Friday

If your child is interested in playing soccer through the Brighton Recreation Center's Youth Sports Program (boys and girls ages 6-12), the deadline to register is Friday, according to a city news release.

Practices are held once a week for ages 6-7 and twice a week for ages 8-12, with games on Saturdays.

Register in person at the Brighton Recreation Center, by calling 303-655-2200, or on the Web at www.brightonrecreation.com.

To learn more about youth soccer or if you are interested in volunteer coaching, contact Amanda Aburto, sports coordinator, at aaburto@brightonco.gov.

Brighton High tennis courts closed Friday

The Brighton High School tennis courts will be closed to the public Friday. City and school district crews are working together to replace all of the lights surrounding the tennis courts, the city announced in a news release.

Though closed all day Friday, the courts are scheduled to be open Saturday, assuming the project stays on schedule. It is the second and final closure scheduled for the BHS courts. The first closure, in June, allowed workers to remove all the old lights. On Friday, crews will install the new lights.

Tennis courts at Colorado Park, 254 Miller St., are open.

Contact project manager Les Layton at llyayton@sd27j.net for more information.

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excused absences) voted to hire him.. He officially begins his role Aug. 6.

Bajorek received his law degree in 1995 from the University of Colorado School of Law. He earned his bachelor's degree from Metropolitan State College of Denver in 1992, with a double major in criminal justice and English with an emphasis on creative writing.

He served for four months as a law clerk in the Second Judicial District (Denver) Court before Aurora hired him as an assistant city attorney in the Criminal Division (1996-2005).

Gas gauge

\$2.59⁹ Lowest unleaded price as of 8 p.m. Wednesday: at **Murphy Express** and **Valero** stations on Bromley Lane.

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Funeral notices

Services for **Kenneth Homyak**, 96, will be **Saturday**, with viewing at 9 a.m. and services at 10 a.m. both in the Fort Lupton Middle School Auditorium, 201 S. McKinley with internment at Hillside Cemetery. He was born on the farm in Greeley to John and Mary Homyak. He grew up on that farm in the Ashton School District, where he attended elementary school. He continued his education at College High School in Greeley, graduating in 1939. He went on to attend Colorado State College of Education (UNC). As 1941 approached, the war effort halted his education as Ken enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was called to duty in January 1942. Ken served from 1942 to 1946 as a bomber pilot training bombardiers and navigator cadets. He was discharged at the rank of First Lieutenant. Ken returned and completed his bachelor's degree in education. A teaching and coaching position opened up in the Fort Lupton School District in 1946, where he was to remain for his entire career. He began as a business and shorthand instructor as well as a coach for football, basketball and track. During his coaching career they won state championships in all three sports. While working, he completed his requirements for his master's degree and was offered the position of principal, which he held for 22 years. In 1972, the district developed a business department, which he headed for 15 years. He retired in 1987. In 1948, he married Marie Elsie Walesky. They were married for 70 years. Ken was a life member of National Education Association. He also belonged to Lions Club serving as district governor, to the Elks Lodge 1586 in Brighton serving as exalted ruler, chaplain, and leading knight. Ken was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church of Fort Lupton serving as warden and treasurer. He also was involved with the

Junior Miss program for 37 years. Survivors include his wife, Elsie; son Gary (Dawn), two grandchildren, and two great grandsons. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister MaryAnn (Homyak) Feuerstein, and son Kent. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kenneth Homyak Educational Scholarship Fund for students pursuing teaching degrees. Erlinger Funeral Home in charge of services..

Jack D. Bloom, 81, of Brighton, died July 10. He married Kathy Arnold in 1963. In 1974, the family moved to a 35-acre farm in Brighton, started River's Bend Farm, where they hosted corporate company picnics. Survivors include his wife, Kathy; daughter Jane (Ed) Fuller of Erie, sons Greg (Christy) Bloom of Lone Tree, and David Bloom of Castle Rock; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Celebration of life, 11 a.m., **today**, at Harvest Fellowship Church. **Tabor-Rice Funeral Home**



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