

Community UPDATE

Congratulations to the 2008 Colorado Lottery Starburst Award Winners!

Congratulations to the 2008 Starburst Award winners, and thank you to all of the organizations that submitted a nomination. Since 1992, these awards have recognized excellence in the use of Lottery funds for community, recreation and conservation projects. In 2008, nominations were broken down into Community Awards and Conservation Awards. As in the past, these honors were presented at the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association and Colorado Open Space Alliance conferences this fall.

The winners are:

Community Awards-

City of Monte Vista - Chapman Park Improvement Project

Fraser Valley Metro Recreation District -

Alex Newberry Field Renovation Project

Rifle Parks and Recreation - Rifle Action Park

City of Glendale - Infinity Park

Town of Firestone - The Firestone Regional Sports Complex

Western Eagle County Metro Recreation District -

Eagle County Spray Park

City of Montrose - Cerise Regional Park

City Of Pueblo - City Bark in City Park

South Suburban Park and Recreation District -

(winner in 2 categories)

Sports Dome at the Family Sports Center Renovation Project

Big Dry Creek Trail from Progress Park to Lehow Street

Boulder County Parks and Open Space -

South Boulder Creek Trailhead & Connection Trail

City & County of Denver Parks & Recreation Department -

Gates Tennis Center Renovation Project

Conservation Awards-

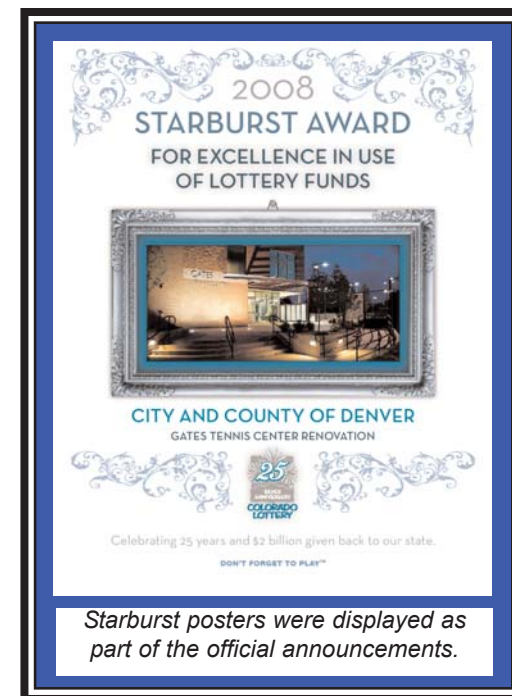
Town of Castle Rock Parks and Recreation Department -

Quarry Mesa Open Space at Rhyolite Park

Arapahoe County Open Space -

Middle Bijou Creek Conservation Easement

In addition to announcing the winners at the annual conferences, we sent out statewide press



Starburst Award Winners - continued

releases and made presentations at the winners' County Commission or City Council meetings.

Learn more about this year's crop of winners on the Colorado Lottery website at:
www.coloradolottery.com/index.cfm/ID/136/Starburst-Award-Winners

I would especially like to thank the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association and Colorado Open Space Alliance for allowing me to present at your respective conferences.

Looking forward to 2009; if you have a project that has received Lottery funds in the past five years, it is eligible for next year's awards. The deadline for 2009 nominations is June 19, 2009. For more information, please contact Matt Robbins, at 303-795-6830 or Matt.robbins@lottery.state.co.us.

\$6.5 MILLION IN GOCO/LOTTERY GRANTS FUND 50 MILES OF TRAIL AND 23,600 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE

At the end of September, the GOCO Board awarded \$6.5 million in Lottery funds to 17 projects around the state—seven projects that will result in more than 50 additional miles of trails and 10 projects that will protect 23,647 acres of land.

Larimer County will be the site of most of the new trails through the Laramie Foothills Trail Development Project, which will create 42 miles of new trails on 27,000 acres not previously open to the public. A total of seven trail projects received \$3.52 million. This grant cycle was a new effort by the GOCO Board to meet a demand for Colorado's larger trails projects. In all, the Board received 25 applications competing for the available funds.

Ten open space projects also received grants, four of which are in rapidly growing areas along or near the Front Range. This includes Douglas County, where the Trust for Public Land will use a \$520,000 GOCO grant to help place a conservation easement on 260 acres of Spring Creek Ranch. A horse ranching operation located within the Middle South Platte River watershed, the ranch is a buffer to the Pike National Forest and acts as a wildlife corridor into the National Forest from the community of Perry Park. The Spring Creek Ranch conservation easement creates an opportunity to protect native grassland and forest that provide habitat to a wide range of animals in an area where an increase in land values is making it more and more difficult to protect larger properties.

For a complete list of open space and trail grants, please visit: www.goco.org.
(Provided by Emily Davies, GOCO Communications Coordinator)

LOTTERY ADS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR BROCHURE

The Lottery thanks you for your continued support and asks that when developing your next brochure, please consider saving a place for a Lottery ad. These ads are available in black/white or color and remind your constituents to get out and play!

Proceeds from the sale of Lottery games stay in Colorado to improve the quality of life in the state. In fiscal year 2008, more than \$122.3 million was returned to Colorado. Since the Lottery started in 1983, more than \$2 billion has been returned to the state.

For a print-ready ad, contact Matt Robbins, at 303-795-6830 or Matt.robbs@lottery.state.co.us.



JE Lewellen Named Colorado Lottery Chief Operating Officer

Welcome JE Lewellen, the new Chief Operating Officer for the Colorado Lottery. JE Lewellen replaces Jack Boehm, who was named Lottery Director in June. Lewellen will have responsibility for the information technology, program management operations and fiscal departments. He brings with him more than 25 years of experience in information technology. He also has lottery experience, having redesigned and implemented a BINGO licensing system for the State of Michigan.



"JE brings a significant amount of business, financial and IT experience with him, and this will prove to be especially beneficial as we go through the implementation of our new back office system and applications," said Director Boehm. "He has a reputation for getting IT projects delivered on time and within budget, and for being able to work with vendors to deliver quality services, a skill that will be invaluable in working with our online vendor."

"I am very pleased to have the opportunity to help bring about change for the Colorado Lottery and improve the business operations," said Lewellen, who will be based at the Lottery's Pueblo headquarters. "I will focus on streamlining business operations, enabling our back office process with current technology and working with our business partners to better position the Lottery to rapidly grow revenue for the State of Colorado."



Proceeds Spotlight: *Carbondale's New Recreation Center and Promenade Park*

Surrounded by Colorado's central mountain region, about 170 miles west of Denver and just south of Glenwood Springs, you'll find the quaint mountain town of Carbondale. With a population of about 5,000 residents, it's a haven for lots of great outdoor recreation and beautiful scenery. However, it's Carbondale's downtown that people are talking about.

During a site tour in October, I had an opportunity to visit Carbondale's new Recreation and Community Center. I've been to quite a few recreation complexes throughout my career; however, I knew there was something different about this place the minute I pulled into the parking lot. Maybe it's the solar panels scaling the roof top or the xeriscape Promenade Park that surrounds the Recreation Center.



This building was constructed according to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. LEED is a nationally recognized certification program that has created guidelines in the design, construction and operation of high performance "green" buildings. The LEED guidelines focus on five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. The City of Carbondale has applied to the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) to obtain LEED platinum status for this forward-thinking facility. Some of the construction details include light and water sensors in every room, recycled acoustic tiles in the gym and roll-up doors that allow natural ventilation. In addition to all of the "green" amenities, they plan on installing an interactive touch screen monitor to educate visitors on the sustainable features of the facility and surrounding park, as well as its funding sources. The funding sources, you ask? Along with other partnerships, Carbondale thanks the Lottery for the Conservation Trust Fund dollars and GOCO grants they used on their downtown improvements.

The Lottery wishes Carbondale good luck on the application for LEED certification. If you have a project you're proud of, let us know! We are always looking for innovative projects to feature.

(By Matt Robbins, Community Relations Specialist)

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