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Annual  
Report  
To the  
Citizens**

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*TO: The Citizens of Durango  
Durango, Colorado*

## City Council

On April 3, 2007, the Regular Election for the City of Durango was held. Citizens elected three City Councilors out of a field of eight. The two candidates receiving the most votes were declared as having been elected to terms of (4) four-years. The candidate receiving the third most votes was elected to a two-year term. As reflected in the certification, Leigh Meigs and Michael Rendon were elected to City Council to serve the four-year terms. Scott Graham was elected to City Council to serve the two-year term.



## Councilors

**Doug Lyon, Mayor**

April 19, 2005—April 2009



**Renee Parsons, Mayor Pro-Tem**

April 19, 2005—April 2009



**Leigh Meigs, Councilor**

April 17, 2007—April 2011



**Michael Rendon, Councilor**

April 17, 2007—April 2011



**Scott Graham, Councilor**

April 17, 2007—April 2009



## Mission Statement

We the City, as representatives of the people, shall be accountable and effective guardians of the public trust and resources.

We are committed to the provision of effective and efficient public services designed to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of our community.

We shall conduct the affairs of our City openly and ethically and manage our growth and development in a manner that respects our environment and preserves the unique character and identity of our community.

We view our citizens as our most important resource.

Adopted by the City Council on August 3, 1993.



## Form of Government

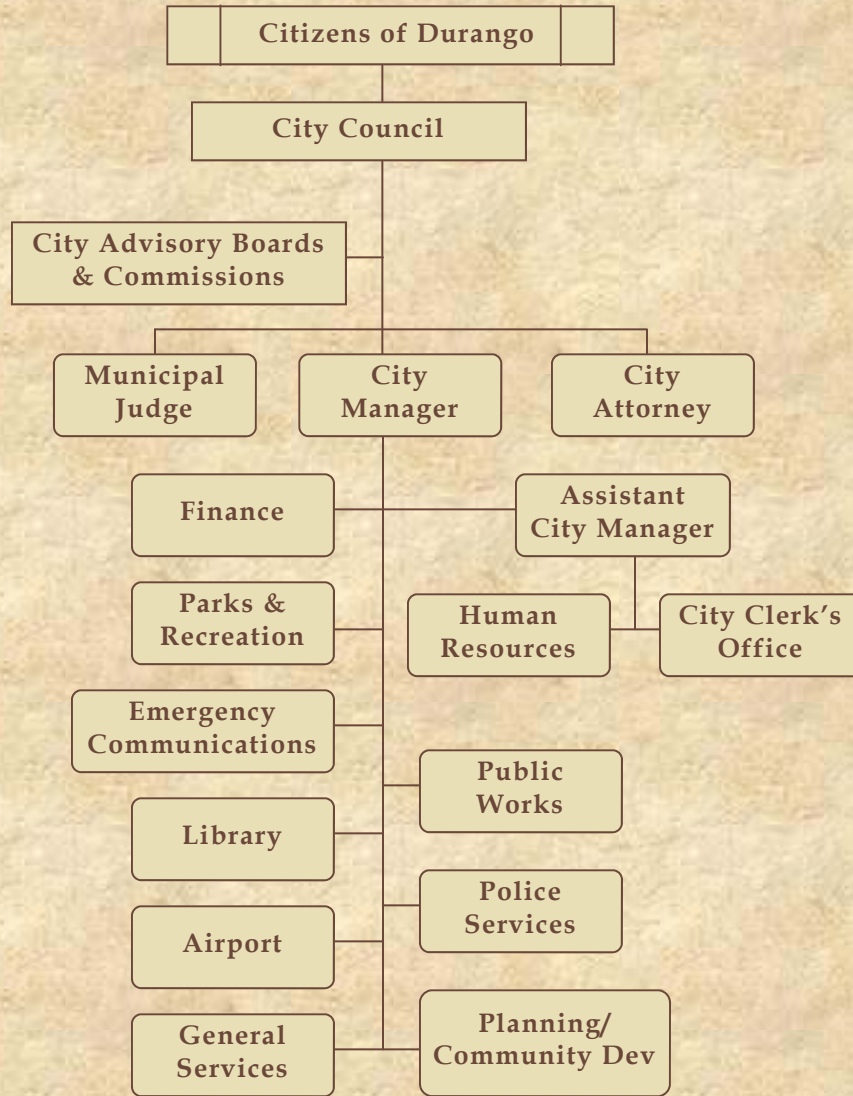
Since 1912, the City of Durango has been a home rule city, operating under the authority of the City Charter. Under the council-manager form of government, citizens of Durango elect five citizens to serve as at-large members of the City Council, representing them and serving as the legislative and policy-making authority for the City for a four-year term.

City Council hires a City Manager to be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the City and to act as the Chief Administrative Officer. The City Manager appoints the department heads, and ensures that each City department carries out the policies and goals of the City Council.

City Council also appoint the City Attorney and the Municipal Judge. The City Attorney serves as chief legal advisor to the Council, the City Manager, and all City departments, offices, and agencies. In addition, the City Attorney represents the City in all legal proceedings. The Municipal Judge serves a two-year term and is responsible for hearing and ruling on cases involving violations of municipal law.



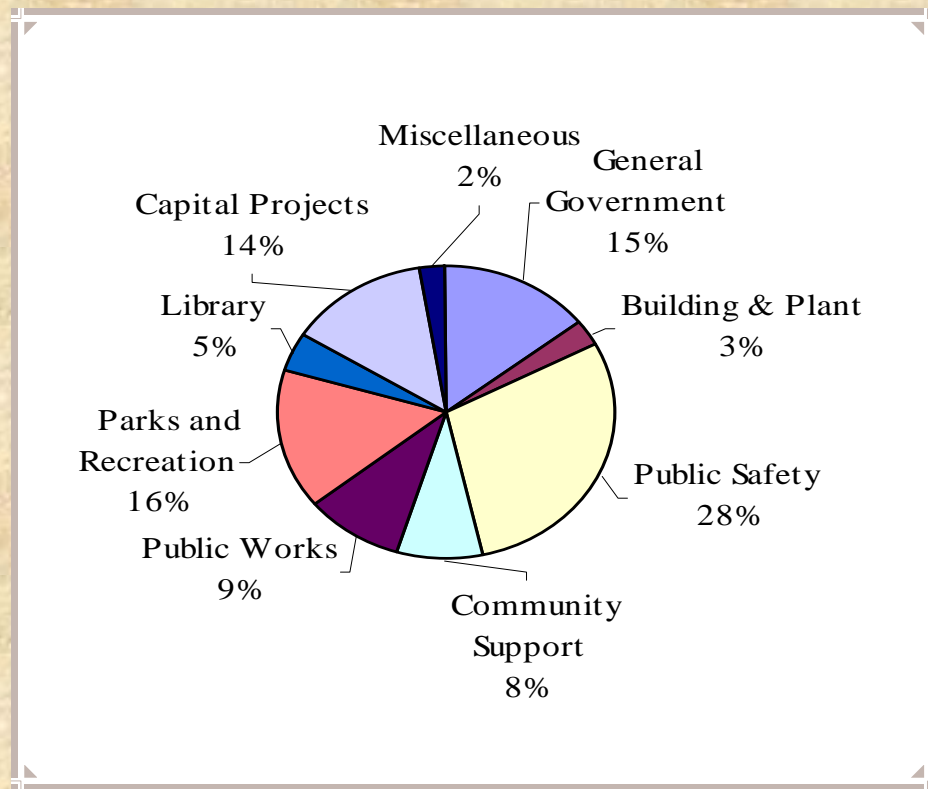
# Organizational Chart



## City Budget

### General Fund Expenditures

Expenditures from the General Fund for 2007 totaled \$29.9 million.



## City Clerk's Office

*The* City Clerk's Office is charged with the duty of recording and maintaining municipal documents. These documents include all ordinances, resolutions, minutes, contracts, easements, titles, deeds and agreements involving the City. In 2007, the City Council added 50 ordinances and 55 resolutions to the series of historical documents preserved since 1881. In addition to the ordinances and resolutions, Council initiated the process to document City Council Study Session discussions through the implementation of minutes. Study Session minutes, as well as City Council Meeting minutes, are available to the public on the City's website.

*The* Liquor Licensing Authority granted 5 new licenses, renewed 94 liquor licenses and issued 75 special event permits. Business licenses issued through the City Clerk's Office totaled 3,689 and of that amount 830 were new licenses. The number of Cemetery Deeds issued was 55.

*A* new program, Records and Information Management, was deployed within the City Clerk's Office. The objectives of the program include preserving City records, meeting compliance requirements, creating a secure environment to store and manage City information and developing business processes to improve efficiency.

*During* April's General Election, a total of 3,880 ballots were counted resulting in a 59 percent voter turnout. The election totaled \$11,327, resulting in a \$2.91 per ballot cost.



## Central Business District Event and Business Promotion

Planning and managing special events is a large part of CBD office responsibility. Over 100 event organizers received assistance from the City in the form of event logistics, special event equipment, and clean and safe operations.

Working in coordination with the downtown Business Improvement District, the CBD office manages four umbrella marketing promotions

to stimulate downtown business traffic during spring, fall, Independence Day, and December holidays. These campaigns promote a variety of downtown events and activities, mostly benefiting local athletic, non-profit, and service organizations.

The creation of a downtown way finding plan was approved by City Council, and the CBD office worked with specialists to create a system of organized and coordinated information signage to better direct vehicle and pedestrian flow through downtown. The system, when finalized and implemented, will utilize attractive graphics and easy-to read messaging directing people to public parking, government buildings, tourism attractions and Fort Lewis College.

National recognition came in 2007 from efforts made by the CBD office as Durango was selected by the *National Trust for Historic Preservation* as one of America's Dozen Distinctive Destinations. This recognition of our unique heritage will long distinguish Durango's downtown as something to be enjoyed and preserved.



## City Span 10

*I*t was an award winning year for City Span 10! Awards and recognition continued to be the common theme in 2007 for City Span 10. The station saw special recognition in 2007 from the National Association of Telecommunications Officers & Advisors (NATOA). NATOA awarded City Span 10 first place and second place awards for programs produced. The first and second place prizes were both for a Public Service Announcements (PSA). The second place recognition was for PSA, which demonstrated the tragic affects of drinking and driving.

*I*n 2007, City Span 10 expanded to the internet. Many of programs can now be viewed on the City's website. This was a very important endeavor that broadened the audience of City programming. Additionally, in 2007 the City began filming Council Study Sessions.

*C*ity Span 10 produced nearly 110 original programs in 2007, including meetings, regular programs and special programs. The station continues to respond to the growing positive feedback from the community about programming. The coming years will continue to prove interesting as City Span 10 has many exciting projects planned.



## Durango/ La Plata County Airport

Passenger boardings continued to climb, from 113,387 in 2006 to 115,690 in 2007. The percentage increase, while significant, is lower than the increases realized in the two previous years. At year end 2007 three carriers, United Express, US Airways Express and Delta Connection provided scheduled passenger service and Southwest Airlines operated two ski charters per week between Dallas and Durango during ski season. Business type operating revenue increased from \$2,148,208 in 2006 to 2,183,264 in 2007. That revenue total also represents a historic record for the facility.

Three major projects were started in 2007, which will serve to enhance both passenger safety and comfort. Phase I of the Taxiway A extension project was completed at a cost of \$5.6 million. This safety improvement will eliminate the need for aircraft to taxi on the runway. Phase II, which consists of final grading and paving of the new taxiway section are scheduled to begin in August, 2008. This project is being implemented in phases with shortened construction seasons to accommodate the breeding patterns of a pair of golden eagles with a primary nest near the work zone. The pair successfully fledged two new eaglets in late June.

The terminal climate control system upgraded, which should maximize the energy efficiency of both the heating and cooling systems in the building. The departure lounge roof membrane on the terminal was also replaced, with the balance of the terminal to be completed in 2008.

Airport staff began a comprehensive review of all operating systems and procedures in order to minimize the environmental impacts. The airport joined a program sponsored by the Governor's Energy Office. This program assists government agencies with planning, implementing and financing infrastructure improvements to achieve reductions in energy consumption in all operational components. Implementation should begin in the summer of 2008.



## Durango/La Plata County Emergency Communications Center

The Durango-La Plata Emergency Communication Center provides a vital 24/7 link between public service agencies and the public they serve. Utilizing a wide range of equipment, the Communications Technicians handle a wide range of both emergency and non-emergency calls for assistance. The technicians coordinate and relay information between agencies, ensuring appropriate use of resources and safety of the emergency responders.



In 2007, the Communications Center answered 18,648 calls for service, up from 16,036 in 2006. Ninety-four percent of the calls were answered in less than 5 seconds. In any 24-hour day, an average of 223 incidents are handled by the Communications Center.

The Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) is located on the lower level of the Communications Center building. This facility was primarily designed to be used during local, state, and federal emergencies. During a qualifying event, representatives from many different agencies will staff the ECC. When the ECC is not in use for an emergency, it is available for use by any agency the communications center supports.

We are proud to continue with our Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) training using the Medical Priority protocol. This certified training enables Dispatchers to direct life saving medical procedures until medical first responders arrive on the scene. Medical Priority meets the national standard for EMD.



**The Durango-La Plata Emergency Communications Center dispatches for the following agencies:**

- Durango Police Department
- La Plata County Sheriff's Office
- Bayfield Marshal's Office
- Fort Lewis College Police
- Durango Fire and Rescue Authority
- Upper Pine Fire Department
- Fort Lewis Mesa Fire Department
- Local Government for City of Durango
- Animal Protection

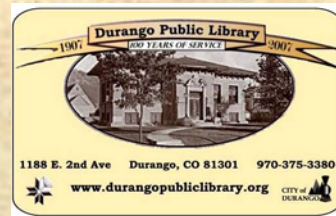
**Other agencies or services that the Center supports:**

- Coroner
- La Plata County Airport
- Mounted Rangers
- Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team
- 9R School District Plows
- Disaster Emergency Services
- La Plata County Road & Bridge
- Detox
- Hilltop House
- Towing Services
- Denier Center
- Alternative Horizons
- Southwest Mental Health
- Care Flight
- Air Care
- Victim Services
- Youth Services
- District Attorney
- Bomb Expert Team
- Rape Crisis Team
- Probation
- Violence Prevention Coalition of Southwest Colorado
- Tactical Team, Durango Police
- Swat Team, La Plata County Sheriff
- Division of Wildlife



## Durango Public Library

*I*n March 2007, the Library celebrated 100 years of service in the present Carnegie Library Building. A special Library card was issued to commemorate the historic building.



*A* very special (and successful) tea was held in the Spring for Young Adults and their guests. Several exciting Storytime events occurred, including Bilingual story hours, an October Scary Open House, a December Holiday Open House Storytime and an inaugural lap sit Storytime for infants. Outreach service to the 4-Corners Nursing Home and Sunshine Gardens was enhanced and the Library partnered with the League of Women Voters in sponsoring several discussion programs.

*O*ur children were avid readers during the Library's Summer Reading program, reading more than 6,000 hours! The program honored the building's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary by displaying a community timeline to which children contributed, and more than 2,000 folks attended Summer Reading Program special events co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

*L*ibrary staff and Friends of the Library joined Maria's bookstore in hosting a rousing midnight release party for the 7<sup>th</sup> and final Harry Potter book; Maria's donated \$7 to the library for every copy of the book sold, generating \$4,102 for new library materials – and a whole lot of fun!

*A* home improvement database was launched and a new digital microfilm reader-printer was added that enhanced the quality of prints from local research materials.



**D**uring 2007, there were 378,515 visits to the Library, 76,400 sessions on the library's public computers, and 274,177 items were circulated to the more than 20,000 registered borrowers. Both the Sunnyside and Fort Lewis Mesa Branches attracted new users and held many wonderful programs, including a presentation by the DHS winning Aerospace Team at Sunnyside and a mule team demonstration at Fort Lewis Mesa.

**S**taff worked continuously to improve customer service, both in the present building and in their work and planning for the new Library. On June 19, 2007, the community celebrated the groundbreaking for Durango's new Public Library building. We invite the whole community to join us in the New Durango Public Library in 2008!



## **General Services**

**G**eneral Services supports other City departments, as well as the Citizens of Durango through programs and services managed by its eight divisions.

### **Public Transit Services**

**D**urango Transit provided 273,345 one-way trips in 2007 with its Trolley, Loop, and Opportunity Bus System. Three buses were replaced to ensure reliability, maintaining the fleet total at 14 buses and 3 trolleys. A design team completed the conceptual design for the new Transit Center, which is scheduled to break ground in 2008. Durango Transit improved service to their customers by translating Transit maps into Spanish, re-designing routes, and working with the Public Works Department to develop GIS maps of transit routes for website access. In addition, more than \$800,000 in grant monies were awarded to Transit for the purchase of additional buses and to assist with operating expenses.

### **Special Events/Code Enforcement**

**T**he Special Events division provided support for 119 special events, requiring more than 500 man-hours to help with setup and logistics. Permit applications for 44 special events and 95 banners were processed in 2007. The Code Enforcement division ensured compliance with City codes by issuing 1,523 citations for code violations within city limits.

### **Parking Enforcement, Parking Facilities Operation**

**T**he Parking Division monitors and manages 1,029 parking meters and 4 City-owned parking lots. More than 200 Cash Keys were sold, allowing citizens a convenient way to use the parking meter system. Total revenues for 2007 were \$897,780.

### **Weed Abatement**

**T**his division provides mowing and weed trimming services for all City right-of-ways and open spaces.



### **Purchasing/Fixed Assets**

*I*n 2007, the Purchasing Division's competitive bidding process resulted in a total savings of \$4.1 million. The division issued nearly 100 requests for formal bids/proposals and processed more than 500 purchase orders for goods and supplies. In addition, this division also administers the purchasing cards and cell phone program for City employees.

### **Fleet Maintenance/Management/Fueling**

*I*n 2007, just over \$1 million was spent to replace fleet vehicles and 2,235 repair orders were completed for the City fleet. This division also replaced the baling system at the City's recycling center, installed laptop computers, cameras, and 800 MHz radios in City police vehicles, and built antenna stands for the 900 MHz wireless system. Ongoing duties include maintaining fleet fuel pumps, fuel inventory, and reporting software.

### **Building Maintenance/Construction**

*T*his division is responsible for the maintenance of all City-owned buildings. In 2007, the City finalized an agreement with La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) to purchase 100% green power for City buildings and facilities. In addition, staff initiated energy audits and meets with LPEA regularly to review energy usage. A new backup generator was installed at the Police Department, while the City Council chambers received new television cameras and an audio system. This division also managed and coordinated the construction of the new police sub-station at Three Springs.

### **Central Warehouse**

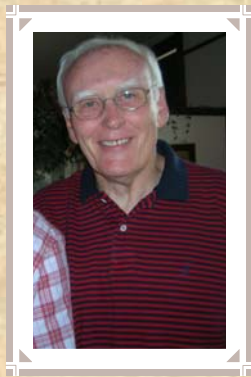
*T*he Central Warehouse processed 12,568 transactions with sales of almost \$700,000 in 2007. This division supports other City departments by maintaining inventories of office supplies and fleet parts, and acts as the central receiving point for the City.



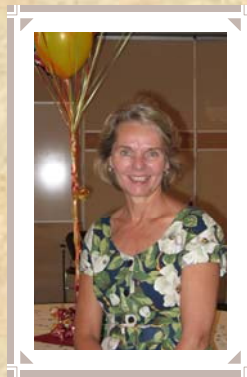
## Human Resources

The Human Resources Department had a very exciting and challenging year, with retirements of some key staff members. The long-term City Manager and Finance Director retired, along with two Police Captains and the Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, for a combined 137 years of municipal experience! A professional search consultant conducted the search for the new City Manager and the other positions were filled by qualified internal candidates. Over sixty other regular positions were also vacated and filled.

Within the Human Resources Department is the safety and risk management division for the organization. This division's responsibilities include safety training for all employees, the administration of workers' compensation, property and casualty, motor vehicle liability, and other insurance coverage and programs. Citizen claims, such as sewer back-ups and damage or injury to persons and property are also processed by this division. Motor vehicle accidents were down almost 10% from 2006, and personal injury accidents were also down slightly. The City continues to be proactive in this area with visibility and continuing programs on prevention and awareness.



Robert Ledger  
Retiring City Manager



Sherry Eilbes  
Retiring Finance Director



## **Municipal Court**

*D*urango Municipal Court maintains all files on citations issued by the Durango Police Department, Fort Lewis College Police, Animal Control, Code Enforcement and the Parking Division for violations of municipal law. The Municipal Court hears all cases involving said violations and reports all applicable convictions to the Department of Motor Vehicles Licensing Bureau. Municipal Court also coordinates a defensive driving course as ordered by the Court.

*I*n 2007, 7,184 violations were processed, a decrease of 97 violations from 2006. The total revenue received through Durango Municipal Court for 2007 was \$337,208.00, an increase of \$23,596.00 from 2006.

*T*he use of the NCIC/CCIC system totaled 351 active warrants for Municipal Court, La Plata County Court, statewide or nationwide. This led to nine arrests of defendants after their appearances in Municipal Court.

*A*lmost 400 defendants were ordered to complete 8,300 hours of community service for 2007, while 363 defendants were ordered to complete the Defensive Driving program.

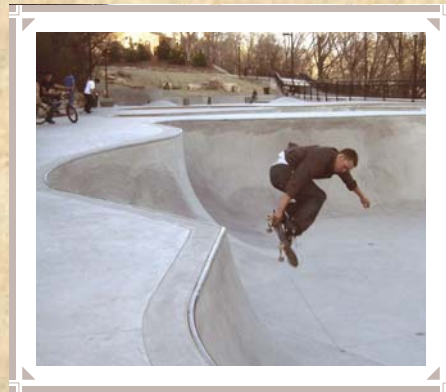


## Parks and Recreation

The City of Durango Parks and Recreation Department provides a variety of parks, trails, forestry, cemetery, open space, and recreation services to the community. Parks and Recreation Department is committed to providing programs and services to enrich the quality of life in Durango.

In 2007, Parks and Recreation accomplished several significant goals:

- ❧ Completion of the Dallabetta Park adjacent to the Animas River and opening the outdoor recreational facility to the public
- ❧ Grand opening of the Skatepark in Schneider Park
- ❧ Initiated construction of the Jenkins Ranch Park in SkyRidge and rehabilitation of the wetlands at the entrance to the subdivision
- ❧ Installation of bleachers, insulation and enclosure of the west wall of the rink at Chapman Hill
- ❧ Design and installation of the Animas River Trail signs and mileage markers
- ❧ Received the Honor Award in Planning and Urban Design from the Colorado Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects for the Durango Community Park Master Plan.



## **Recreation Division**

A total of 276 recreation programs with 1,684 course options were offered to the community in 2007. Of the 276 total programs, 39 were new programs with 111 courses. A majority of the recreation programs were filled to capacity. Gymnastics and swim lessons were the highest demanded recreation programs. Approximately 448 scholarships were issued totaling \$21,553. Of this total, La Plata County continued to provide scholarships to non-city residents in the amount of \$10,025. Recreation Center Passes and Youth Gametime are the most frequently requested scholarship programs. Youth and Adult Recreation Programs, excluding the Recreation Center, had a total attendance of 29,131

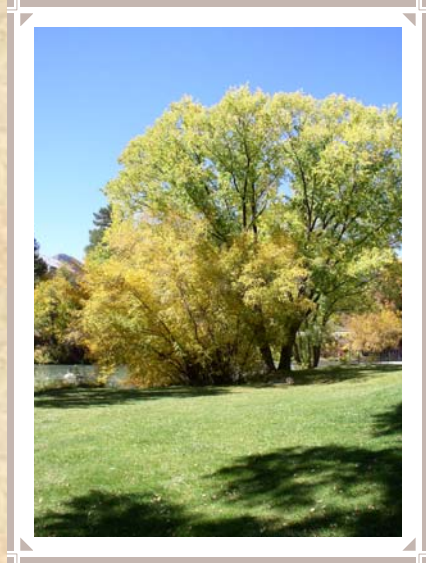
participants and included in that number are 374 teams (with an approximate 4,162 participants) participating in leagues.

Total Recreation Division program expenditures in 2007 were \$835,623 and revenue was \$833,297 with a total cost recovery of 100% for all programs, including facilities with the exception of the Recreation Center.



## **Parks and Forestry Division**

**T**he Parks and Forestry Divisions maintained approximately 268 acres of public parkland consisting of 32 parks, 966 acres of open space, approximately 8 miles of trail, and an estimated 7,340 urban trees located throughout the City. Santa Rita had the highest number of park permits issued in 2007. Total hours of reserved park use for the entire park system were 14,826 hours with the highest use at Riverview Sports Complex and FLC Softball Complex during the year. The Firewise Program continued with the mitigation of the fire danger on approximately 4.26 acres in Durango Mountain Park. The expansion of the central irrigation control system to manage the City's water consumption more efficiently continued with the addition of Fanto, Riverfront and Iris Parks. The Park Ranger Program resulted in 634 public contacts to improve enforcement of City Codes in the parks, trails and open space.



The Forestry Division maintained approximately 74 species of trees in the City and has been awarded the Tree City USA for 28 consecutive years. More than 100 new trees were planted in 2007.



## **Parks, Open Space & Trails Development Division**

**T**he Parks, Open Space and Trails Development Division continues to make significant strides in the implementation of the Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan. The Division was awarded \$174,800 in grant funds in 2007 - \$150,000 from Great Outdoors Colorado and \$24,800 from the Colorado State Forest Service for fire mitigation at Dalla Mountain Park.

**A**pproximately 27 capital improvement projects were initiated and \$1,822,894 spent to enhance existing parks, as well as design and construct new segments of the Animas River Trail.

Key park improvement projects included the installation of a new playground, restroom and tennis courts at Jenkins Ranch Park; a new playground at Animas City Park; providing a shelter over the existing train on display at Santa Rita Park; and adding an overlay on the existing roads at Greenmount Cemetery.

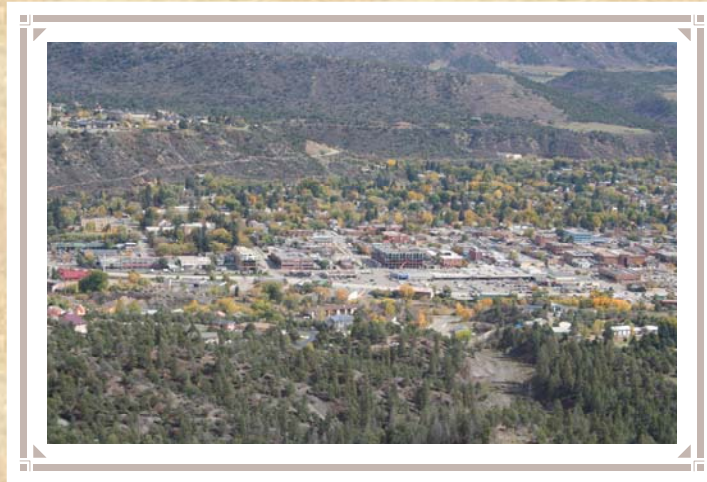
**T**he City added almost four acres of Open Space with the dedication of the Ella Vita Canyon property.

**S**ignificant strides were made in 2007 towards the completion of the Animas River Trail. Design was initiated on the sections of trail south of Wal-Mart and behind Albertsons, while construction began on the trail adjacent to Escalante Middle School and behind the new Library. The total length of the continuous portion of the Animas River Trail is 5.0 miles.



## Planning & Community Development

The Department of Planning and Community Development is responsible for overseeing the review, development and inspection of private and public development projects, and implementation of plans and programs related to the location, type, and quality of the City's growth and development.



Major departmental work program items for 2007 included:

- ☞ Adoption of the 2007 Durango Comprehensive Plan and the Joint Planning Intergovernmental First Amendment
- ☞ Initiation of the Joint Planning City County Visioning and Joint Plan Process, the City's Affordable / Attainable Housing Policies and Strategy with the Regional Housing Authority Staff, and the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance process
- ☞ Participation in the Downtown Way finding (Signage) planning process
- ☞ Designation of the Durango Power Plant as an Historic Landmark
- ☞ Resolving the CBD River Corridor District Moratorium.



### **Building & Code Enforcement Division**

Similar to 2006, 2007 was another unusual year with respect to building activity. The total number of new dwelling units was the second highest on record (279, compared to the record of 320, set in 2003). Multi-family units accounted for 202, setting a new record and, besting the 2005 record of 174 units. A closer look at what multi family units were permitted in 2007 reveals that 67 of them were in the affordable housing rental complex north of the new Hospital, Pinon Terrace. Another 23 units were included in the old Days Inn Hotel conversion of hotel rooms into for-sale condos, and 35 more were included in the Lightner Creek Village Condos project.

Code Enforcement investigated 1446 incidents in 2007, down from 1520 in 2006. Thirty-four percent of the incidents were related to business licenses, while 32% were building inspections.



## **Police Department**

*The Durango Police Department's philosophy of community oriented policing seeks to create a partnership with our citizens. This philosophy promotes mutual trust and cooperation between citizens and police, in a common goal of providing quality of life, and a safe and secure community for all citizens. Two divisions comprise the Police Department:*

### **Operations Division**

*Investigations, Crime Prevention, Patrol and Community Programs make up the Operations Division. Investigators process crime scenes, conduct crime prevention programs, investigate major crimes, serve warrants for municipal cases, and conduct liquor investigations.*

*Patrol Officers protect and serve the public 24-hours-a-day by actively and randomly patrolling residential districts and local business areas. Officers respond to a wide variety of calls, enforce traffic regulations, and receive specialized training in D.U.I. (Driving Under the Influence) detection in an effort to improve highway safety. In addition, officers provide security, traffic control and support for special activities including Snowdown, Fiesta Days, Iron Horse Bicycle Classic, Motorcycle Rally, foot races, and parades.*

*The Durango Police Department offers numerous programs in an effort to open communication and partnerships with the community. One such program is the Citizens' Police Academy, a ten-week program designed to give residents first-hand information on how the Durango Police Department works. The Academy offers citizens a chance to learn about domestic violence, gangs, patrol operations, traffic problems, community policing, tactical response and investigations, as well as giving them an opportunity to fire several different weapons, participate in a self-defense training session, and "ride along" on patrol. Participants may also spend time as an observer in the Central Communications Center where they hear actual calls for service.*



School Resource Officers work with students at the elementary, middle and high school levels, which helps to establish a dialogue with the younger members of our community. An educational program directed at fifth-grade classes, On TRACK, provides basic information regarding nicotine, drugs and alcohol.



*D*urango Police responded to 35,030 calls for service in 2007, approximately 8,880 of those were incidents. Traffic accidents accounted for 1,311 calls for service. Calls for criminal mischief, forgery/fraud, harassment/stalking, and assault all increased over 2006 calls, however burglary, theft, and sex offenses were down. Durango Police also logged almost 10,000 hours of training in 2007.

### **Administration Division**

*R*ecords, Property/Evidence, Recruitment, and Training make up the Administrative Division. Technicians are responsible for entering reports into the computer system, maintaining records, ensuring that reports and paperwork are delivered to the courts and District Attorney's office, and performing reception duties at the front counter.

*T*he Property/Evidence Unit is the custodian for all property found within the city limits as well as evidence collected at crime scenes. All evidence in a criminal case is cataloged and retained in a secure manner until the case has gone through the judicial system.



## **Public Works**

### **Administrative and Engineering**

*T*hese divisions provide administrative and engineering services for the operating divisions, design public improvements, survey, review developments, inspect public improvements, provide construction management and perform traffic engineering duties. Speed humps were constructed on Aspen Drive and Delwood Avenue as traffic calming measures and 20 storm water permits were issued to construction sites.

### **Streets Division**

*T*he Streets Division is responsible for the maintenance of more than 70 miles of City streets, including pothole patching, storm drains, curb and gutters, snow plowing, and street sweeping. Division responsibilities include Spring and Fall Clean Up of yard waste and other debris. Street sweepers traveled 12,435 miles cleaning City streets. More than 5,000 cubic yards of snow were hauled from City streets in 2007. The City continued its alley paving program, with unpaved alleys being newly surfaced, on seven blocks within older sections of the City. Two and a half miles of City streets were resurfaced in 2007.

*T*he 2007 Street Reconstruction project included the removal and replacement of asphalt at East 33<sup>rd</sup> Street from Main Avenue to East 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and East 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (Bennett) from 32<sup>nd</sup> Street to Halto Via.

### **Water Efficiency Program**

The City participated in the Children's Water Fest in May as we have done every year since its inception. In September, a new Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance went into effect. The Landscape Ordinance established procedures for the design, installation, and maintenance of water-efficient landscapes throughout the area. Waterwise landscaping was further promoted through a presentation held in September with a local nursery.



Revisions were made to Chapter 10 of the City Code requiring all existing and new multi-family properties of eight dwelling units or more to provide recycling of at least three types of recyclables. The Code was also revised to require all new commercial developments to provide adequate space for recycling containers and servicing of those containers.

Over 850 vehicles attended the semi-annual collections of electronic wastes held in April and November. In conjunction with La Plata County, 28 household batteries collection tubes were distributed. Automobile tires were prohibited from Colorado landfills as of July 1, 2007. Three local vendors now accept these tires from the public for a small fee. Approximately 630 vehicles attended the third annual Household Chemical Collection Event, held jointly with La Plata County.

### **Water and Wastewater**

The water/sewer division made 2,390 service calls detecting leaks, turning water service on/off and responding to emergency water and sewer main maintenance issues. This division maintains the City's water pumps, reads and repairs water meters, and repairs and installs water mains. Twenty-two sewer backups were investigated and crews responded to 22 water line breaks or leaks. The wastewater treatment plant processed 674 million gallons of wastewater at the plant. The City has accepted 1.90 miles of new water main and one mile of sewer main into its system to serve areas in Ella Vita Court, Canyon Terrace, Escalante, Villas at Hillcrest and Lightner Creek.

### **Solid Waste**

*D*uring 2007, the Solid Waste division collected 22,809 cubic yards of refuse from residential and commercial customers.

### **Recycling**

*R*ecycling containers were placed at various special events. Small examples of both wood and glass mulch were placed at several locations within the City to increase awareness about the products and their availability. Other educational efforts include a booth at the Farmers' Market every other week, tours of the Recycling Center and speaking to community groups.



## 2007 Boards and Commissions

— Thank You to all of the wonderful volunteers who served on the City's Boards and Commissions in 2007!

Bob Allen	Watson Lunt	Ken Root
J. Gunnar Anderson	Sweetie Marbury	Kim Round
Ed Angus	Jay Marqua	Loren Rowton
Leonard Atencio	Carol Martin	Michael Scannell
Karen Barger	Gary Masner	Karen Schain
Rod Barker	Jules Masterjohn	Gregory Schulte
Anne Barney	Sharon Matheson	Frank Shry
Richard Bechtolt	Robert McDaniel	Tierney Skahill
R. Michael Bell	Gary McKnight	Duane Smith
Kurt Berridge	Ronald Meier	Colby Smith
Thomas Berry	Andrea Mull	Jerry Swingle
Greer Bohan	Kerrie Neet	Marcel Theberge
Marjorie Brinton	Jennifer Neff	Peter Tregillus
Sandy Burke	Dirk Nelson	Jim Turner
Greg Butler	Jan Nettet	Jeff Urban
Karen Carver	Bill Noble	Brian Wagner
Jack Cassidy	Chris Nute	Larry Wales
Tom Caver	Todd O'Toole	Steven Walker
Joe Colgan	Mike Olson	Keith Walzak
Tim Corbett	Catherine Ortega	Dan Wand
Jo Cuthbert	Alice Outwater	John Wells
Brett D'Spain	John Patton	Tim Wheeler
Bruce Daniel	Clay Patton	Paul Wilbert
Beverly Darmour	Jerry Peters	Chris Wilbur
Jan Derck	Marcy Pryor	Carole Withers
Robert Dolphin	Bill Ramaley	Bob Wolff
Sue Elberton	Steve Redding	Sarah Wright
Doug Lashley	Richard Reitz	Bill Zimsky
Robert Ledger	Michelle Reott	Ed Zink
Joe Lewandowski	Richard Reynolds	



## City of Durango Important Phone Numbers

(All numbers are 970 area code unless otherwise noted)

<b>All Emergencies Dial (TDD)</b> .....	<b>9-1-1</b>
Public Safety (non-emergency).....	385-2900
Information (all City Departments).....	375-5000
Airport Administration.....	382-6050
City Council/City Manager.....	375-5005
City Clerk.....	375-5010
Code Compliance.....	375-4930
Crime Stoppers.....	247-1112
Durango Transit.....	259-5438
<b>Finance Department</b>	
Sales Tax.....	375-5033
Utility Billing.....	375-5034
Human Resources.....	375-5050
Library.....	375-3380
Licensing (business/liquor/sales).....	375-5010
Municipal Court (City Hall).....	375-5020
Parking Division.....	375-4960
Parks & Recreation (Administration).....	375-7321
Chapman Hill Ski Area/Skate Rink.....	375-7395
Community Recreation Center.....	375-7300
Planning/Community Development.....	375-4850
Police Department.....	375-4700
After Hours.....	385-2900
Safety Officer/Risk Manager.....	375-5055
Downtown Events & Business Coordinator.....	375-5065
Public Works Department.....	375-4800
Relay Colorado (TT).....	1-800-659-2656
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