

BRIGHTON



2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



In 2015, the City of Brighton continued to make impressive strides. As one of Colorado's oldest communities, we proudly serve as home to more than 36,000 residents and hundreds of wonderful businesses. We continue to grow each day and more and more people are discovering what we already know – Brighton is the place to be!

As I reflect back on 2015, I am proud of all the accomplishments we've made. Last year, the City of Brighton received Gold level recognition as a Solar Friendly Community, the Streets Department completed the South Main Street realignment project and our Brighton Police Department was the first law enforcement agency in Colorado to implement the "You Have Options Program," which offers three options for reporting a sexual assault to law enforcement.

The Brighton community has so much to be thankful for. Our city's leadership has allowed us to grow responsibly and safely position ourselves financially. While we are not without our challenges, the strong vision of our city council allows us to continue to deliver quality services to our community and plan for ways to make our future even better.

Leading this great city is truly an honor. I am fortunate to work with the great leaders you have elected as your City Council and a talented group of city employees that are devoted to making Brighton the best place to live, work, learn and play. I look forward to the direction Brighton is headed and we are excited that you are a part of it.

MANUEL ESQUIBEL
CITY MANAGER

2015 BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL



Back row: Kirby Wallin, Mayor Pro-Tem; Cynthia Martinez, Ward 2; Dick McLean, Mayor; Ken Kreutzer, Ward 3; J.W. Edwards, Ward 4

Front row: Joan Kniss, Ward 1; Rex Bell, Ward 2; Mark Humbert, Ward 4; Lynn Baca, Ward 3

2016 BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL

Back row: Mark Humbert, Ward 4; Rex Bell, Ward 2; Lynn Baca, Ward 3; Ken Kreutzer, Mayor Pro-Tem, Ward 3; Dick McLean, Mayor

Front row: J.W. Edwards, Ward 4; Mary Ellen Pollack, Ward 2; Joan Kniss, Ward 1; Kirby Wallin, Ward 1



2015 AT A GLANCE



- The city received Gold level recognition as a Solar Friendly Community.
- All permit technicians became certified by the International Code Council (ICC) resulting in the City's Building Division being recognized as fully certified.
- The former Senior Center and former Buddhist Temple received local historic designation.
- The city completed design of Bromley/Hishinuma Farm landscaping.
- The city completed Pheasant Ridge trail and native area improvements through the mini grant-supported high school community service project in May.
- The Streets Department completed the US 85 & Bromley Lane Safety Improvement Project which included a new traffic signal, additional turn lane, and longer turn lanes in order to increase intersection capacity and decrease traffic delays.
- The Streets Department completed the South Main Street realignment project.
- The Victim Services Unit expanded its service area by developing an IGA with Commerce City.
- The city sponsored its first "Big Little Idea" contest awarding six recipients with \$500 to implement an idea to make Brighton better.
- Increased the city's employee wellness program with a three-month Fitbit challenge as well as biometric screening in collaboration with Platte Valley Medical Center.
- The city hosted the Brighton Sister Cities 20th Anniversary events.
- The Utilities Department began the largest sewer rehab project since we've been keeping record. The project includes rehabilitation of more than 21 miles of sanitary pipe.



Face painting at the Brighton BBQ.



Future city planners at the 13th Southeast Elementary School Second Grade Classes Government Tour.



Berry Patch Farms giving this class a tour.

- The Brighton Police Department was the first law enforcement agency in Colorado to implement the “You Have Options Program,” which offers three options for reporting a sexual assault to law enforcement.
- Brighton’s North Metro Denver Small Business Development Center provided 300 hours of consulting to new and existing businesses.
- The Brighton Police Department began the first phase of a SWAT Services Team with the Commerce City Police Department.
- Brighton Police Explorers were awarded five trophies for their performance at the annual LEEPAAC Regional Competition.
- Installed the city’s first electronic vehicle charging station at City Hall.
- The city hosted its first Arts and Culture Symposium, attracting arts and culture stakeholders from across the state.
- The city hosted its first Image Youth Summit, bringing more than 80 youth together for a full day of workshops and speakers encouraging them use their voice.
- The Brighton Economic Development Corporation sponsored and hosted its first annual Education is Good for Business forum.
- The Utilities department completed the WaterSmart Pilot Program.

DEMOGRAPHIC & ECONOMIC STATISTICS



TOP 10 PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS 2015

1. Adams County – 1,923
2. School District 27J – 1,860
3. Vestas – 1,300
4. Platte Valley Medical Center – 626
5. City of Brighton – 502
6. Baker Hughes – 390
7. O'Neal Flat Rolled Metals – 321
8. King Soopers – 320
9. Walmart – 277
10. Transwest Inc. – 270



IN 2015, BRIGHTON'S
WASTEWATER
TREATED 774.8
MILLION GALLONS OF
WATER



Fresh local produce sold at Market Day.

Fall day on Main Street for the Downtown Harvest Festival.



THE CITY OF
BRIGHTON'S WEBSITE
RECEIVED **MORE THAN**
483,000 VISITORS
TO ITS SITE IN 2015



36,280
POPULATION



17,004
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT



4.2%
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

14,972
NUMBER OF EMPLOYED



4,984 ft.
ELEVATION



17.1
SQUARE MILES OF LAND AREA



32.9
MEDIAN AGE



11,650
HOUSEHOLDS

2015 SALES TAX REVENUE

SALES TAX PAID

6,774,000

4,089,000

2,568,000

2,774,000

2,067,000

1,442,000

957,000

408,000

153,000

1,285,000

DESCRIPTION

General Merchandise

Food Stores

Eating and Drinking Establishments

Building Materials/Home Improvement

Auto Dealers/Repairs/Supplies

Utilities

Telecommunications

Hotels and Motels

Other Retail

All Other Categories

TOTAL = \$22,517,000

***3.75%** = 2% for General Fund Operating Expenses;
1% for Capital Improvement Fund;
.50% for Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Fund;
.15% for Operation and Maintenance of City Parks and Recreation Facilities Fund;
.10% for Parks and Recreation Capital Fund for Operation and Maintenance of Trails, Open Space, City Parks and Recreation Facilities Fund.



\$62,657
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$368,700
AVERAGE HOME LISTING PRICE

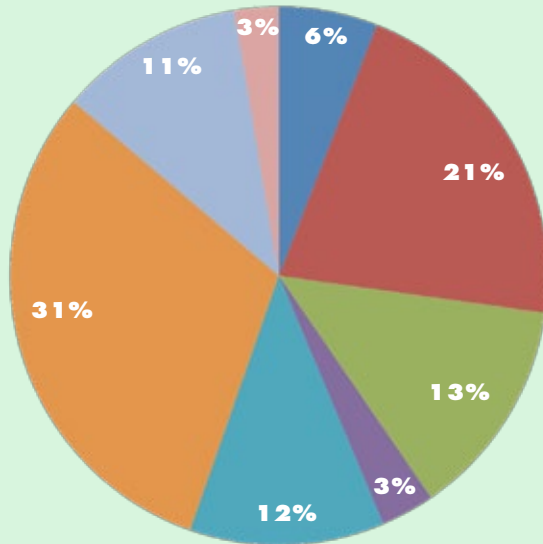
\$282,600
MEDIAN SALES PRICE

REVENUES & EXPENSES



2015 Revenues

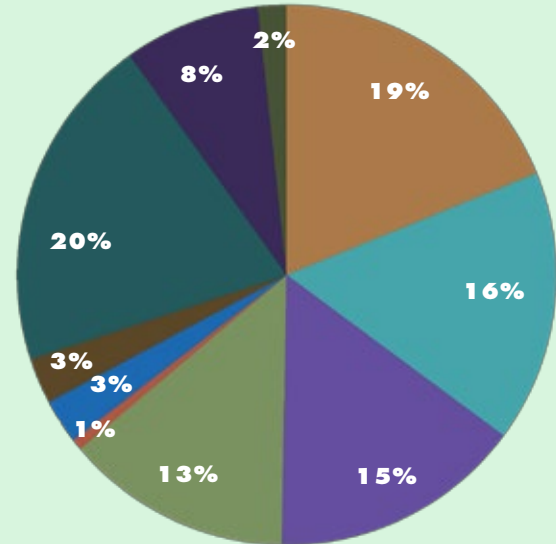
Total 2015 Revenues: **\$73,044,000**



Charges for Services Governmental	\$4,346,000
Charges for Services Water & Sewer	\$15,524,000
Capital Grants/Contributions, Water	\$9,651,000
Operating Grants/Contributions, Govt.	\$2,356,000
Capital Grants/Contributions, Govt.	\$8,556,000
Sales & Use Taxes	\$22,517,000
Other Taxes	\$8,512,000
Other Revenues	\$1,942,000

2015 Expenses

Total 2015 Expenses: **\$58,321,000**



General Government	\$10,996,000
Public Safety	\$9,494,000
Public Works	\$8,842,000
Parks & Recreation	\$7,924,000
Cemetery	\$380,000
Community Development	\$1,557,000
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$1,594,000
Water	\$11,768,000
Sewer	\$4,756,000
Drainage	\$1,011,000

Please refer to the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report available on our website for detailed financial information.

OPERATING INDICATORS



Gorgeous sunset from City Hall.



LAST YEAR, THE CITY OF BRIGHTON'S HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT RECEIVED 2,097 APPLICATIONS FOR OPEN CITY POSITIONS.

Function/Program	2014	2015
Police		
Calls for service	46,023	52,456
Arrests	2,409	2,620
Summons issued	4,622	5,044
Public Works		
Street slurry seal (miles)	4.2	10.2
Parks and Recreation		
Recreation Center admissions	184,000	191,190
Recreation program participants	11,050	13,643
Senior Center program participants	31,239	33,778
Service program participants	11,114	10,733
Water		
Gallons pumped (millions)	1,181	1,224
Gallons purchased (millions)	–	657
Average daily consumption (million gallons/day)	5.04	4.62
Wastewater		
Gallons treated (millions)	751.1	774.8
Cemetery		
Interments	120	116
Courts		
Citations Processed	3,712	4,283
Community Development		
Total New Residential Permits	203	205
Total New Commercial/Industrial Permits	5	6







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