

BROOMFIELD COMPLETES NEW MUNICIPAL CENTER



Broomfield's new two-story Municipal Center at One DesCombes Drive was designed to create a unified Town Center, bringing the police department, library, community development offices, municipal courts and city council chambers under one roof.

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Saunders Construction — we are proud
to have been the excavation team
on the Broomfield Municipal Center Project."


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Facility accommodates city, council offices, police, courts, library

BROOMFIELD — Broomfield's new \$6.6 million Municipal Center has opened for business at One DesCombes Drive.

Englewood-based Saunders Construction Inc. was the Broomfield's construction manager and general contractor for the two-story, brick veneer building, which was designed to create a unified

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the City of Broomfield and Saunders Construction
on the completion of
the beautiful new Municipal Center.**

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Town Center. The architecture was designed by M+O+A Architectural Partnership of Denver. The project was approved by voters in a 1989 special election.

The 80,858-square-foot municipal center is divided into 35,687 feet on the first floor for police, a new Citizen Assistance Center, utility building and the library; 22,256 square feet on the second floor for police and general city administration; and 11,457 square feet of unfinished basement that will be used primarily for storage.

The many components, including administrative offices, library, courts, police and council chambers presented a challenge since all needed to be accommodated in a unified plan. Image, accessibility, future expansion, service and parking also were important elements since Broomfield officials wanted the building to reflect the open, friendly nature of the people in Broomfield, the architectural team said.

A solar calendar was central to the building's design. This large rotunda brings light deep into the heart of the building. Over time, the wall of the rotunda will evolve to display not only the path of the sun throughout the seasons, but also mark significant events in the history of Broomfield. Each month a medallion will be added to the wall corresponding to the path of the sun. There are important markers of the sine curve unique to the solar calendar.

The image for the Municipal Center, M+O+A Architectural Partnership said, finds its roots in classical proportions expressed through a distinct base, a textured concrete block that visually plants the building with a firm foundation; the middle, a combination of brick and precast adds scale in

*into the heart of
the building."*

human proportions; and sloping roofs that soften the cap of the building, while reflecting the character of the surrounding community.

Situated on 17 acres, the well-lighted site offers 235 parking spaces with three main public entrances. Contractors poured 12,915 square feet of sidewalks as part of the project.

Saunders Construction worked closely with the city to avoid any break in city services such as dispatching emergency equipment. In November, parts of the building were turned over to the city for equipment installation and training before actual use.

During project construction, Saunders Construction was able to save the city \$88,000 originally budgeted for winter protection. That savings was applied to additional building enhancements.

More than 14,000 square feet of floor tile were placed during construction, as well as more than 5,200 square yards of carpet, and 21,000 bricks, supplemented by 3,000 "special shapes" masonry units for sills and borders, 3,600 concrete masonry units and 2,800 split face bricks. Builders used 23,791 square feet of plywood roof sheathing and 3,944 square feet of plywood wall sheathing, and 2,270 square feet of foundation insulation. There are 31 hollow metal doors and 177 wood interior doors and 456 windows.

A specially designed city council chambers also is part of the new facility. There is fixed seating for 90 people, plus space for at

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