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*Shep the Turnpike Dog*  
Children's Book Launch and Book Signing at the Broomfield Depot Museum  
Noon to 3:00 pm  
Saturday, May 17

On Saturday, May 17, 2014, from noon to 3:00 p.m. the Broomfield Depot Museum at 2201 West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue is hosting a special event to celebrate the launch of a newly published children's book by Charlotte Ann Havey. *Shep the Turnpike Dog* is based on the true story of the tollbooth mascot turned Broomfield legend who won the hearts of turnpike drivers in the 1950s and 60s. No tickets or pre-registration are required and admission is free.

From his first appearance as a stray puppy at a tollbooth on the Denver-Boulder Turnpike, to the relocation of his remains to the Broomfield Depot Museum nearly sixty years later, *Shep's* story connects young readers with a special moment in history and the timeless bond between people and pets. The book launch event will feature family activities, refreshments and an opportunity to meet and talk with the author. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

Jacqui Ainlay-Conley, Museum Administrator for the City of Broomfield, and among the first to read the new story, also shared the first review. **"I cried. I love it. The text is brilliant. So many people write books for kids and miss. This one hit the mark! And the illustrations! Amazing!"**

Charlotte Havey is a former elementary school teacher and preschool director with a special feeling for children and animals that comes across beautifully in her book. She is a partner in Havey Productions, the Denver-based film company that produced the 2010 Emmy Award winning documentary, *Broomfield: Spirit of the American Dream*. While doing research for the film, *Shep's* story ignited her longtime dream to write a children's book. Beautifully illustrated in watercolors by artist Renee Gregory, and written in poetic verse, *Shep* conveys a special chapter in Colorado history for the young and young at heart.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at the Broomfield Auditorium Gallery at 3 Community Park Rd, Broomfield, CO 80020

For more information about the Broomfield Depot Museum see [broomfielddepotmuseum.org](http://broomfielddepotmuseum.org) or call (303)60-6824. Visit *Shep* on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/Broomfield.Turnpike.Dog](http://www.facebook.com/Broomfield.Turnpike.Dog)

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