

April 2024

GMF Town News



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Mayor's Memo:

The preliminary results of the election are posted on the Town's website [here](#). The apparent winners for the Trustee positions are John Bell and Don Walker, but official winners will not be determined until April 12th. The Ballot issue for moving elections from April to November to coincide with the County's elections passed with a significant margin. I'd like to thank all of the candidates and especially our Town Clerk/Treasurer Bo Ayad and our election judges for running a great election. The election process has numerous requirements associated with it and Bo and the election judges did an excellent job of learning those requirements and ensuring our election was the best it could be. I look forward to working with the new Board.

This Newsletter continues with format updates to make it easier for the Town to include it on the Town's website. By July, anything posted will have to meet certain digital accessibility requirements. The process to make files compliant is manual and very time consuming. Shelly Scott-Nash has been volunteering her time to help train Bo and to modify the files to where they are compliant. A special "thank you" to Shelly because without her help, the Town would have to hire a firm to do these for us.

Project Updates: Gazebo Bridge: The water from Catamount Creek is flowing directly into the lake now. This should help melt the ice. Once the ice is melted, we will lower the lake level so that work on the bridge can commence. The staging area for this project will likely be somewhere on Lake Street, so expect this to have an impact on parking downtown. We are hoping that construction will be done by Memorial Day, but that is highly weather dependent. In addition to reconstructing Gazebo Bridge, we will have some new concrete poured going from the existing sidewalk to the bridge.

Dumpster Blind: Construction should begin soon. Staging for this will likely be on Oak Street. Site work for this project has begun.

Legislative Matters: SB24-157: This Bill was signed into law. I am very disappointed in this Bill because it basically allows the General Assembly (House and Senate) to be exempted from certain requirements under the Colorado Open Meetings Law. The only thing that can bring their discussions to light is an Open Records Act request (CORA).

Regulation 43: This Regulation deals with septic systems and it is undergoing a revision that is due for a final hearing in March of 2025. This revision will mandate that if you transfer a real estate Title and have a cesspool, it will be required that something be done with the cesspool.

General: Even though the State revenues are expected to increase, Legislators will need to trim between \$160-\$260 million to balance the budget. This could mean

more unfunded mandates from the State to local governments. This year, expect to see more unfunded mandates for things like video conferencing meetings, reporting on housing, and land use mandates among others.

Public Works: First, a big "Thank You" to Dusty and Kelley for the snow removal effort on the major storm we had. Dusty and Kelley were working shifts from Wednesday night until Saturday. There were instances where the plows got stuck and one plow did break down (blade lift motor failed). The Mag Chloride application did get delayed due to the storm, so our next window is in May. Public Works has done some of the pothole repairs on Ute Pass Ave. They will also be evaluating what mitigations will make the most sense for going after additional FEMA funding (applications are due in August).

Fire Safety Update:

The chipper days have been set for June 29th and 30th. On these dates, the chipper will be towed to as many residences as they can get to. The second set of days will be September 28th and 29th. On the September dates, the chipper will be located at Joyland and people will need to take their slash to that area. If you can't take it to Joyland, a team of volunteers is being organized to pick up slash at the residences.

There are opportunities available with Rubicon and if you are interested, please contact David Douglas at david@falconpartnersltd.com.

Grants/FEMA

FEMA has turned us over to the State. This means that we should be one step closer to actually receiving funds. We can't apply for mitigation funding for culverts until August. The mitigation funding is competitive and it may be awhile before we know if we receive a grant. There are a handful of repairs that still need to be completed.

Lake/Park Projects:

The Gazebo will be closed March 1st to May 24th for the repairs to the bridge. New electrical service has been run to Gazebo bridge. We then have to run temporary cords for any electrical needs at the Gazebo until the bridge is replaced.

Reminder:

Please cut down your dead/dying trees. There is an open position for Planning Commission. If you are interested, please stop by Town Hall.

Calendar:

April 9th - Planning Commission
April 10th - Parks, Rec and Trails Committee
April 12th - Final Results of the Election
April 16th - Board of Trustees
April 29th - Fire Mitigation Committee

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Marshal's report

Call type	# of calls	Outcomes if any
Traffic Control	0	
911 hang ups	4	
Assist outside agencies	3	
Traffic Accident	1	No injury/hit and run
Citizen Contacts	4	
Attempt to locate	1	
Follow ups	3	
Suspicious incident	0	
Harassment	1	
Abandoned vehicle	0	
Traffic stops	7	
Parking complaints	1	
Check the welfare	3	
Trespassing	0	
Noise complaints	1	
Motor vehicle theft	0	
Lost property	0	
Parks violation	0	
Motorist assist	1	
Mental health check	1	
Vin verification	0	
Animal complaint	0	
Alarms	2	
Total calls for service	33	Down from 34 last month

Other agencies assisting us – 2

Us assisting other agencies – 3

NIBERS reports completed.

Citizen Contact upload completed.

Reserve hours worked – 21 hours.

Reserve officer provided security for debate.