

January 2025

GMF Town News



Thank You Town Volunteers!

Mayor's Memo:

Happy New Year!

My apologies for sending this Newsletter out late, I wanted to share the following Town Manager announcement and had to wait for the Board to approve the Agreement.

We have selected a new Town Manager! The new Manager's name is Caleb Patterson and he is scheduled to start with the Town on February 3rd. Once he has been sworn in, I'll see if I can schedule a meet and greet.

Here are the 2024 year in review highlights:

January 2024:

The January Newsletter was a re-cap of 2023.

February 2024:

Notice was included in the February Newsletter for the short-term rental owners to renew their licenses. It was also planned on having a "Superskate at the Lake" event, however the weather did not cooperate and the event had to be cancelled.

March 2024:

In the March Newsletter, the election process was covered and it was announced that the Gazebo bridge and dumpster blind contracts had been awarded.

April 2024:

In April, we had the election for the new Board members and for moving elections to coincide with the counties. We had a major snowstorm and a big "thank you" went out to Public Works. Some Legislative issues were identified and the date for the Gazebo bridge repair had been set.

May 2024:

In May we welcomed new Trustees John Bell and Don Walker to the Board. It was also reported that the work had begun on the pool and there was also a community work day. The chipper days had also been set.

June 2024:

Updates were given on the projects that were in work. Those included the Dumpster Blind/Bear Resistant Trash cans and Gazebo Bridge. In addition, kudos were given to our Public Works Department for getting the roads worked prior to the magnesium chloride application.

July 2024:

Completed project updates were given on the Dumpster Blind/Bear Resistant Trash cans, Gazebo Bridge, Shade Sails on the outdoor fitness court and the Gazebo Lake Fountain.

August 2024:

The Town had two very successful events in July. The first was the Greenbox Arts Festival. The second was Bronc Day. The summer concerts also began in August. Project updates included the Pool Park, Stormwater Mitigation and Hotel Park.

September 2024:

I discussed our roads and what we are doing to help improve them. I also discussed the road drainage and that we were pursuing a grant from FEMA to help pay for road improvements. We also had a very successful Team Rubicon event where that entity helped with doing some fire mitigation.

October 2024:

The Town was winterizing the pool and getting ready for another application of magnesium chloride. The Town was informed that they did not receive the grant we were pursuing for drainage improvements on our roads. We also received the estimate for our Ute Pass Ave Bridge replacement (\$5 million).

November 2024:

Clarification was provided on short-term rental fees. The Board of Trustees had several Executive Sessions regarding the Town Manager. In addition, I also reported about how much time our Clerk/Treasurer spent on satisfying State Requirements.

December 2024:

The Board of Trustees decided to conduct a Special Election in November of 2025. This Special Election would be to put a potential revenue question to the voters. The existing Town Manager chose not to pursue further employment with the Town after her current agreement expired Dec. 27th.

The Town was also in the process of having a new zoning map.

Fire Mitigation:

If you'd like to sharpen your chainsaw skills, have we got a deal for you! The Town of Green Mountain Falls, in partnership with Team Rubicon, is sponsoring chainsaw training on February 15-16. Here's how to sign up:

1. By Jan 31: Join Team Rubicon

<https://teamrubiconusa.org/> This process covers you under Team Rubicon's insurance and allows you to use their equipment. There is NO COST to membership and NO OBLIGATION beyond this training.

2. Feb 15: Attend eight hours of training at the GMF Town Hall.

3. Feb 16: Attend eight hours of field training in GMF. Free lunch, snacks, and coffee provided!

Reminder:

Once the ice has reached a thickness that will support activities, we will open the lake up for skating and ice fishing.

Calendar:

Jan 7th - Board of Trustees
Jan 8th - Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee
Jan 14th - Planning Commission
Jan 21st - Board of Trustees
Jan 27th - Fire Mitigation Committee